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"And I'll tell it and think it and
speak it and breathe it,
And reflect it from the mountain
so all souls can see it…."
-Bob Dylan

Hamilton faculty approves program in New York City

by Lisa Widowski '01
NEWS EDITOR

Following unanimous faculty approval, Hamilton College will implement a program of study and internship in New York City centering on the idea of globalization in January 2001. The New York City program will run in both the fall and spring semesters, initially piloted for three years. At the end of the pilot period, the faculty will vote again to determine the program's future.

The program, titled, "Hamilton in New York City: Political Economy and Culture in the Global City," will target juniors, seniors and a limited number of sophomores. A different director will oversee the program each term as students consider various aspects of globalization. Students will be eligible to participate in two different terms of the program.

"This is a very exciting program and a significant addition to Hamilton's curriculum. We think it will appeal to a wide range of students and faculty and that it will succeed," said Professor Frank Anechiarico of the Government Department, who will serve as Program Administrator, along with a committee composed of Professor Erol Balkan of the Economics department and Professor Henry Rutz of the Anthropology department.

Students will live in Manhattan apartments leased by the college. Program participants will pay the same room fee to live in the city as they would normally pay for a semester on campus.

In addition to a 30-hour per week internship connected to the program's academic theme, participants will take an interdisciplinary course on globalization and two courses specific to the topic of the term. One or both of the topic specific courses will count toward the concentration in the Director's department. Students will have the opportunity to intern with advocacy groups, as well as city and state agencies. Several of the program topics listed in the original proposal were: globalization and financial networks; the fall and rise of the global city: social equity in the revival of New York; the production of global commodity culture: promotion, marketing, and advertising; arts and culture in the global city; international law and organization in the age of globalization; class mobility and shifting identity in the global city; and media in the digital age.

During the first term of the program in spring 2001, the topic will be "The Fall and Rise of New York City." Student participants will examine the near demise of New York City in the 1970s, followed subsequently by its rebirth as a premier global city in the 1990s.

Despite the large number of Hamilton students and alumni who live in metropolitan New York, Hamilton has never had a formal connection to the city.

"Being in New York City will afford an opportunity to bring the wealth of professional expertise of our alumni into the classroom," said Professor Rutz.

Professor Anechiarico agreed, "New York City is a wonderful place to see the way that world-wide forces are changing politics, culture and markets. An awareness of

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Elected officers plan agenda

by Joe Livingston '02
NEWS WRITER

For most Hamilton students, returning to the hill in January means old friends, new classes, lots of snow, and perhaps a chance to fill some lofty new year's resolutions. But for John O'Keefe and Dave Bugliari, the start of the spring semester means the beginning of a new administration for the Hamilton's student government. At the end of last semester, students elected O'Keefe and Bugliari as the first President and Vice-President of the 21st century, respectively.

O'Keefe and Bugliari have numerous objectives to fulfill in their limited time at the top. Primarily, they are focused on making substantial improvements in communication between different campus groups, having a more accessible and accountable student government, and generally supporting those measures that are most consistent with the desires of Hamilton Students. As O'Keefe puts it, "I'm trying to change the face of student government to be one that is more accessible, approachable, and yet aggressive."

One of the innovative concepts of O'Keefe and Bugliari is to create a "President's Circle." This circle would be a committee of leaders of various important student groups, such as HAVOC, CAB, the media board, the Spectator, and potentially many others. The leaders would meet periodically in order to create a master calendar so that various events would be spread out so as not to compete with one another. O'Keefe believes that this is just one way of improving communications between different student organizations for the ultimate benefit of the students. O'Keefe hopes also that the "main organizations on campus can gain a greater understanding of each other."

Better publicity for Student Assembly and increased access to the organization are major goals of O'Keefe and Bugliari. They plan to set up a system in which all student representatives hold office hours at some

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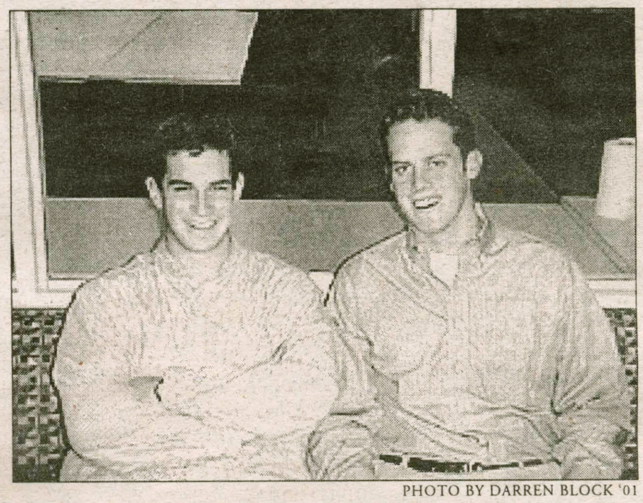
PHOTO BY DARREN BLOCK '01
John O'Keefe '01 and Dave Bugliari '01 prepare to take over as the leaders of Student Assembly.

PHOTO BY DARREN BLOCK '01
Leadership Change: *Acting President Scwarz's term ended as the spring semester began. President Tobin has resumed his duties.*

New Football Coach Named

PRESS RELEASE

A native of Central New York, who began his coaching career at nearby Cornell University, has been named the new head football coach at Hamilton College.

Timothy T. Pendergast, 41, most recently an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at the University of Memphis, will assume his new position immediately, according to Director of Athletics Tom Murphy, who made the announcement at an afternoon press conference today.

"It is a pleasure to welcome Tim to the Hamilton community," said College President Eugene M. Tobin. "His personal integrity, formative experience in the Ivy League, and commitment to the student-athlete philosophy of the New England Small College Athletic Conference and Hamilton College make him ideally suited for this position.

"I strongly believe that Hamilton must strive for excellence in our scholarly, athletic and cultural programs," Tobin continued, "and Tim shares that belief. I have every confidence he will develop a winning program that supports our commitment to excellence both in the classroom and on the football field."

"Tim brings a track record of success," Murphy added. "We are fortunate to have attracted someone of his talent, charisma and experience to lead Hamilton football. Those who met with him during the selection process were impressed with his intention not just to return Hamilton football to its proud traditions, but to be involved with the broader college and local communities."

During his 20-year coaching career, Pendergast has worked on both the offensive and defensive sides of the football, and has held various coordinator titles, including defensive, special teams and recruiting. He has also been responsible for strength, conditioning and video support. "Tim is ready and deserving of the opportunity to serve as Hamilton's head football coach," Murphy said.

"This is a tremendous opportunity for me," Pendergast said. "My philosophy, developed over 20 years of coaching, including 10 years at Cornell and at Northwestern University, can be summed up in three simple statements: championship citizens, championship students and a championship program. Hamilton provides the environment where these three crucial points can be achieved successfully. To have this opportunity in the area where I grew up, and where many of my family and friends still live, makes this position even more attractive."

Pendergast began his first full-time coaching position at Cornell University in 1982, where he stayed for more than seven years and was the team's recruiting coordinator. "My formative years in this profession were spent at a distinguished university with very high academic standards," he said. "The foundation of my coaching philosophy can be traced directly to my time at Cornell."

A Syracuse native who starred at Bishop Grimes High School, Pendergast received his bachelor's degree from the State University of New York College at Cortland in 1980, where he was a two-sport athlete in football and basketball. He earned a master's degree from Ithaca College, while serving as a graduate assistant football coach for the Division III Golden Bombers in 1980-81.

Following his tenure at Cornell, Pendergast served as an assistant at Northwestern University (1990-92), the University of Maine (1992-93) and James Madison University (1993-96). He joined the Memphis staff in January 1997.

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Lady Margaret Thatcher ignites controversy at Hamilton

by James P. Du Vernay '03
NEWS REPORTER

Before an excited audience filled with supporters and opponents alike, Baroness Margaret Thatcher of Kesteven made her Hamilton College debut on December 9, 1999, in the Margaret Bundy Scott Field House. Running slightly behind schedule, shortly after 7 PM Acting President Thomas J. Schwartz escorted Lady Thatcher to a stage festooned with flowery potted plants, a speaker's podium, and a few chairs. An imposing Hamilton banner served as a backdrop.

Over 4,000 people from all age groups, including students from nearly 20 area high schools, filled the field house. President Schwartz approached the podium and offered the expectant crowd a brief summary of Thatcher's fascinating life and career. He described her eleven-year tenure as Prime Minister of Britain, the longest amount of time that any man or woman held the position during the 20th century, as full of "vision and determined leadership." These skills enabled her to "set the country on a new path" while inspiring a "new national vigor and sense of pride." Thatcher, meanwhile, rested composedly in a chair while reviewing her notes. Dressed simply in a crisp pink dress trimmed in black, she exuded a calm, stately elegance. Finally, the big moment arrived and President Schwartz gave the podium to Lady Thatcher. She spoke for nearly 40 minutes on "Challenges Facing the 20th Century."

Thatcher drew on the knowledge she gained while in office as a medium for interpreting the "experiences of this century while looking toward the next," which she sees as full of hope and uncertainty. She proposed that the democratic countries of the world "extend the law-governing liberty...to those countries...who are not as fortunate." She praised the amazing technological and scientific advancements the world achieved during the 20th century. Predicting that such advances will inspire the confidence necessary to meet the challenges ahead for the free countries of the world, Thatcher stressed the need for even greater technological progress combined with strong defenses. She explained that although "naturally as a politician," she would "wish for peace," she also believes firmly that the best way to ensure peace "is to have a very strong defense, never to let it go, and always have the latest equipment."

Along with technology and defense, Thatcher credited two "personalities" former US President Ronald Reagan and former Soviet Union leader Mikhail Gorbachev's instrumental in creating the current world order. By way of Thatcher's vast collection of Ronald Reagan anecdotes, Reagan reappeared several times during the speech, and Thatcher never failed to compliment him, both professionally and personally. She spoke warmly of "the wonderful guidance and leadership of Ronald Reagan during his presidency," in which he preached democracy, supported scientific advancements, and kept strong defenses. Knowing that high ideals alone were not enough, Reagan put "freedom on the offensive." Reagan insisted on an "unrelenting message to dictators" while providing "help to those suffering under tyranny."

Thatcher offered more abbreviated remarks concerning Mr. Gorbachev but nonetheless shared a couple of fascinating anecdotes about his character and personality. She described him as a smart person, a great debater, and "a remarkable man, quite different than any Soviet leader I had met before." Upon meeting him for the first time and after spending an afternoon lost in conversation with him, she called President Reagan to excitedly tell him that "Gorbachev is a man we can do business with." She further described him as "a great leader who influenced events," evident from his serious efforts to bring liberty to the Soviet Union. Thatcher also commented on former Russian President Boris Yeltsin, who recently resigned from office, crediting him with wanting to become the first elected president of Russia and bringing about the changes necessary to realize his goal.

Using these two Soviet leaders as a springboard into the next topic, Thatcher launched into a broad survey of international issues, beginning with Russia. She believes that the absolute change from "total tyranny to total freedom" without the "structures of liberty" is responsible for the many difficulties since the fall of communism in the Soviet Union. Thatcher regrets that she did not foresee its rapid demise and considers the establishment of a rule of law "as developed by the English-speaking people including equality, fairness, and justice" as essential to the long-term success of democracy in the former Soviet Union. According to Thatcher, the former Soviet peoples lack an inherent understanding of just laws and rules, which has allowed the Mafia and widespread corruption to sweep through the new countries.

Thatcher continued her discussion of other important areas of the world including China, Chechnia, and Kosovo. Comparing the huge disparity of annual per capita income between the former British crown colony of Hong Kong ($15,000) and mainland China ($800), she made the rather ambiguous comment that "the Chinese are so talented under freedom." She also made the amusing faux pas of saying that Britain "took Hong Kong," and, realizing her error, quickly corrected herself by saying Britain "bought it." As for the situation in Chechnia, Thatcher characterized the actions there as "absolutely terrible." At the same time, however, she stated that intervention would yield even worse consequences. She then turned her attention to Kosovo and called President Slobodan Milosovic one of the remaining "ruthless dictators left in the world." Although she claimed that the savage atrocities committed there are sufficient to justify intervention, she did not answer the question of why he remains in power.

Extending her analysis of these countries to communism and dictatorships in general, she stated that the "ruthlessness" evident in these countries develops out of the lack of basic religious beliefs.

"If they've had a religious faith they value human life; they have some thought for the sanctity of human life. If they've had virtually no religious faith then they do not have a respect for human life."

Thatcher explained that this deficiency forms one of the problems with intervening in international disputes. Noting that the "evil in this century is as bad as all the evil that has ever been know," she said intervention occurs only when no other way exists to bring about peace in a troubled area. She proceeded to outline a series of decisive factors that must be present before a country commits to intervention. These criteria include a high probability of success, atrocities that justify the cause of intervention, and the opportunity to genuinely help the suffering people. Noting that terrorism still lives in many parts of the world, Thatcher reiterated her calls for strong defenses. Compounding this threat, she said, the formerly rigid regulation of nuclear materials has slackened since the fall of the Soviet Union, which allows "rogue states like Iraq" easier access to nuclear weaponry.

For her last few points, Thatcher addressed some domestic concerns. She spoke enthusiastically of the economy and highlighted the steady economic growth and "precious little inflation" of the last several years. Claiming that "we've never had such a good time," she attributed these successes to the instant accessibility of information through the Internet; this, translated into actions, has yielded more efficient production capabilities. Turning to what she deems the biggest problems, behavioral and moral issues, Thatcher bemoaned the breakdown of traditional families, complete absence of even basic religious instruction in schools, and decline in church attendance. She continued with this theme in her conclusion, in which she quoted a rather lengthy explanation of moral courage and challenged all of us to live up to it.

A short question and answer session conducted by Hamilton Professor of English Austin Briggs followed. Thatcher responded well to the pre-selected inquiries from the Hamilton community. Using the extemporaneous speaking skills garnered from her political career, Thatcher answered candidly and calmly. The most interesting exchange occurred after a question regarding her support of General Augusto Pinochet, the former dictator of Chile credited with thousands of murders and disappearances during his 17-year reign.

"I don't know how many atrocities, if any, were committed under Pinochet," Thatcher claimed, drawing a few hisses from the audience. She went on to praise him for bringing democracy to Chile, holding elections, and supporting Britain during the Falkland Islands War. At this point she tersely asked for, and received, applause from the crowd. These statements so angered one elderly gentleman that he abruptly stood and shouted emphatically, "On your head, Maggie!"

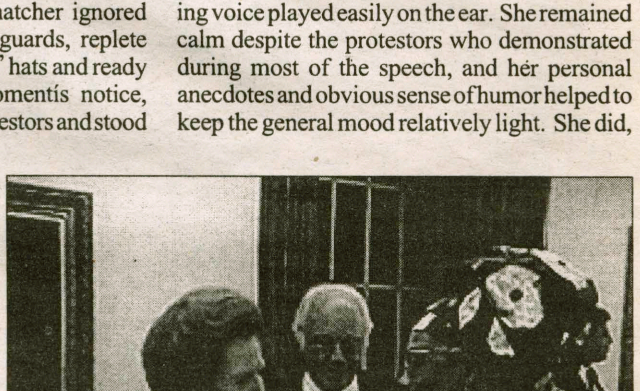
Lady Thatcher came right back at the man and dismissed him as "a minority of one." Meanwhile, as the question session continued, another man walked slowly but purposefully up the center aisle holding a large sign with a picture of the Prime Minister and the words "Wanted for Murder." The vigilant security guards quickly apprehended the man and escorted him briskly from the field house. Thatcher made no comment.

PHOTO BY DARREN BLOCK '01

Lady Thatcher's appearance drew commentary from supporters and opponents.

Although Thatcher received mostly applause and laughter at the proper times from the crowd, a significant number of protestors also managed to demonstrate opposition to her through peaceful protests. About 10 minutes into the speech, whispers began rustling through the crowd and necks craned to see the small group of protestors who had discreetly stood up in the bleachers to the side of the podium and displayed signs showing messages such as "Peace Now," "Iraq/Chile: too much killing," and "Pinochet/Thatcher: Unholy War." Two other groups also stood with similar signs on the opposite bleachers. Thatcher ignored them. The attentive security guards, replete with fancy "Canadian Mountie" hats and ready to spring into action at a momentís notice, rushed towards the peaceful protestors and stood by them threateningly for the remainder of the speech. At least three separate groups attended the speech to protest including members of the Ancient Order of Hiberians in America, a Catholic Workers farm near Syracuse, and some protestors who identified themselves simply as "informed citizens with common concerns" regarding Thatcher's views and actions. Protestors disagreed most strongly with Thatcher's remarks about Pinochet.

"Her words about Pinochet represent a total inversion of history," said protestor Jeff Vogt. "Chile had the longest democracy in South America before him. Pinochet did not just step down after the elections, he appointed himself lifetime senator and kept power."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Teace Odamtten met with Lady Thatcher as Acting President Schwarz looked on.

Vogt also voiced dismay with Thatcherís comments on the economy. "This speech recycled the facts," he explained. "To say there is no poverty is ridiculousójust look at the huge wage gap between the rich and the poor."

Protestor Christy Harrison from the Syracuse farm concurred, "Saying there is no poverty is not true. And Thatcher's calls for more defense building are just excessive."

Another protestor, Ann Tiffany, characterized Thatcher's words as "a simplistic view" and "narrow." She explained the purpose and intent of their protest as a way to fight such views.

"The students were so sheepish... they don't understand...we want students to question these issues more critically." Tiffany also said that opposition to Thatcher is much stronger in Europe, and the facts support their views.

Despite the general passivity of the audience, the protestors felt that they had achieved some success. Harrison summarized by saying,

"We expected high security, so we just wanted to show our message and views in a nonviolent, nonaggressive way."

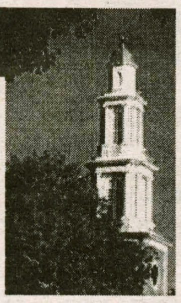
Amy Person '02, co-founder of Hamilton College's chapter of Amnesty International, did not actively protest Thatcher's speech, but did take exception to several of her views.

"I respect her as a tough woman in the political arena, but I have a problem with her support of Pinochet and denial of any atrocities committed by him. Thousands died because of her political connections with the Falklands.

"I think it is important for people to be aware of such political issues," she cautioned, "because politicians can influence your opinions and alter the truth."

Overall, Lady Thatcher spoke well, but far from flawlessly, for the duration of her speech. Her refined English accent and confident speaking voice played easily on the ear. She remained calm despite the protestors who demonstrated during most of the speech, and her personal anecdotes and obvious sense of humor helped to keep the general mood relatively light. She did, however, read primarily from her notes, glancing up only occasionally, and at times fell into a monotone. Structural problems with the speech itself hurt her more than her actual presentation. It lacked solid transitions between topic changes and Thatcher simply resorted to "my friends, can we now turn to" far too many times. Because of the weak transitions, Lady Thatcher shifted erratically back and forth between different subjects while not clearly connecting them. Additionally, she tried to discuss too many complicated issues in too little time. This resulted in very brief, almost evasive, treatment of several important issues, including the Middle and Far East.

IVORY TOWERS



THE NEWS AT COLLEGES
ACROSS THE LAND

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Funerals Held for Dorm Fire Victims

LONG BRANCH, N.J. (AP) - The teen-age pallbearers cried all the way up the aisle, their faces contorted, their sobs echoing off the marble floors and wooden rafters of St. Jerome Roman Catholic Church.

In the pews, Frank S. Caltabilota Jr.'s classmates and friends listened intently to the priest's words, dabbing at their noses with tissues and wiping away tears. His mother sat in a front pew, clutching a teddy bear, her husband's arm draped over her shoulders.

"Why did Frankie have to die so young?" asked the Rev. Frederick Jackiewicz. "We have no answers for these questions. We do not understand the ways of God. We try to the best of our limited ability to understand, but we cannot."

The heartbreaking tableau was mirrored in two other New Jersey churches as three Seton Hall University freshmen who died in a dormitory fire last week were laid to rest. Like Caltabilota, John Giunta, 18, and Aaron Karol, 18, were remembered as upbeat, selfless, promising young men.

In West Long Branch, more than 800 people filled the church for the service for Caltabilota, who aspired to a career in medicine. Those who could not get a seat were ushered downstairs, where a video monitor was set up to broadcast the proceedings.

University chancellor Thomas Peterson was among 450 people who crowded into St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church in Dunellen to say goodbye to Karol, a soccer enthusiast and criminal justice major who hoped to someday work for the FBI.

"We say that Seton Hall is a family, and it is," Peterson said. "We, like yourselves, have lost a son."

Three busloads of Seton Hall students went to Vineland, where about 500 people turned out for Giunta's funeral Mass at St. Francis of Assissi Roman Catholic Church.

At Seton Hall, meanwhile, some freshmen returned to their rooms at Boland Hall for the first time since the fire.

The fire broke out around 4:30 a.m. Wednesday on the third floor of Boland Hall, a six-story dormitory that housed 640 people. Five remained hospitalized Monday, four in critical condition with burns.

Investigators have been interviewing students and others. Essex County Prosecutor Donald Campolo has said arson, careless smoking or electrical problems have not been ruled out. He would not comment on the status of the investigation Monday.

LSU dean stabbed at home; student charged with attempted murder

(U-WIRE) BATON ROUGE, La. — A Louisiana State University student allegedly stabbed the University's dean of students Monday morning, after the student found out he was being investigated for grade tampering, according to Baton Rouge Police.

Interim Dean of Students John Baker sent a letter to Marques D. Smith, 21, 304 East Campus, informing Smith he was being investigated on the charge, said BRPD Cpl. Don Kelly.

The student then allegedly went to Baker's 141 University Highlands Court residence at approximately 7:10 a.m. Monday morning and posed as an FBI agent, Kelly said.

Baker was backing out of his driveway when police said Smith stopped Baker and told him to get out of his car, Kelly said.

"When [Baker] saw this guy, he realized he was no FBI agent," Kelly said.

Smith stepped between the car and the door, and the two men began to argue, Kelly said.

When Baker tried to exit his car, the student allegedly pulled out a large kitchen knife, Kelly said.

Baker and Smith then allegedly fought over the knife, and in the process Baker sustained a stab wound to his neck and Smith received a wound to his arm, Kelly said.

After the incident, Smith attempted to run away, but one of Baker's neighbors detained him until police arrived, Kelly said.

WORLD NEWS

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U.N. Tribunal Finds Rwandan Guilty

ARUSHA, Tanzania (AP) - A U.N. tribunal today found a former Rwandan tea factory manager guilty of three genocide-related charges, including rape, and sentenced him to life in prison.

Alfred Musema is the first private citizen tried and convicted by the tribunal, which is prosecuting chief architects and perpetrators of the 1994 genocide of more than 500,000 minority Tutsis and politically moderate Hutus.

The 50-year-old Musema looked down when the judges announced his sentence, the maximum allowed under court rules.

"Musema personally led attackers to attack large numbers of Tutsi refugees and raped a young Tutsi woman. He knowingly and consciously participated in the commission of crimes, and never showed remorse for his personal role in the commission of the atrocities," said presiding Judge Lennart Aspegren of Sweden.

The three-judge panel found Musema guilty on one count each of rape, genocide and crimes against humanity. It acquitted him on six other genocide-related counts.

It was the seventh verdict handed down by the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda since its creation in November 1994, and the first against a defendant who wasn't a soldier or government official. Musema is the second defendant convicted of rape.

His attorney, Steven Kay of Britain, said afterward he would appeal.

The court said Musema, former director of the state-owned tea factory in Gisovu, in western Rwanda's Kibuye province, was guilty of raping the Tutsi woman and encouraging four factory employees to rape her as well. Another witness at the trial testified that Musema had disemboweled a pregnant woman, saying he wanted to "find out what the inside of a Tutsi woman looks like."

The Rwandan genocide was unleashed by an extremist Hutu government bent on exterminating Rwanda's minority Tutsis. The slaughter was led by Rwanda's then-Hutu army and Hutu militiamen.

Belgium Wants Pinochet Med Report

LONDON (AP) - Lawyers for Belgium said Thursday they need to see the medical report declaring Gen. Augusto Pinochet unfit to stand trial before they can decide whether they would contest any decision freeing the former Chilean dictator.

High Court Justice Maurice Kay will rule Monday on whether to let Belgium and six human rights groups challenge a British official's decision to keep the medical report private.

It was the latest legal gambit in the more than 15 months of battling to bring the 84-year-old former dictator to trial in Spain on human rights abuse charges.

Pinochet has been detained in Britain since October 1998, when he was arrested on a Spanish warrant as he recuperated from back surgery in a London hospital. Spain, Belgium, France and Switzerland all want to extradite Pinochet, contending some of their citizens were among those allegedly tortured after the general seized power in Chile in a 1973 coup.

But a recent independent medical report concluded that the ailing general would be unable to participate in his defense. After that Home Secretary Jack Straw, Britain's highest law enforcement official, said he is inclined to release Pinochet.

Straw has said he wanted to disclose the doctors' findings, but must respect Pinochet's right to patient confidentiality. Belgium teamed up with six human rights groups to demand permission to view the medical report.

"How can Belgium say whether it agrees or disagrees?" lawyer Presiley Baxendale told the court. "Belgium has not made up its mind. It has been unable to do so because it has not been provided with the information."

Spain, France and Switzerland have expressed misgivings at not seeing the report, but are not participating in this latest legal challenge.

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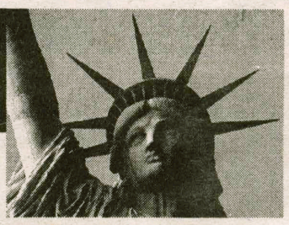

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Bradley Ready To Drop the Gloves

MANCHESTER, N.H. (AP) - Democrat Bill Bradley, declaring he'd "had it," said today he would stick with the more confrontational stance he took with rival Al Gore in the final debate before the New Hampshire presidential primary.

In the bristling campaign debate Wednesday night, Bradley accused Gore of campaign dishonesty and flip-flops on abortion. The vice president retorted that Bradley was responsible for dragging the campaign into the mud.

Today, Bradley said at a frigid outdoor rally that "it's a fresh start" for the campaign with only days before New Hampshire's leadoff primary. "Last night I decided I'd had it," he said. "We're going to call my opponent on what he's been doing."

The former New Jersey senator said he was tired of what he saw as campaign distortions by Gore and would aggressively underscore those differences in the final days before the voting.

Gore also was forced to defend his voting record on abortion today.

He was appearing on a New Hampshire public radio call-in show when a woman who identified herself as "Sara" accused him of lying about his abortion record in the debate. "I don't know how I can support your candidacy if you're so dishonest on national TV," she said.

Gore replied, "I have always supported Roe vs. Wade. I have always supported keeping abortion legal. And it's true, early in my career I voted to restrict the use of federal funding in some circumstances, but over the years I've come to the view that federal funding ought to be available."

On Monday night, Gore argued that Bradley had lowered the tenor of the campaign. That was after Bradley fired the first salvo, accusing Gore of inconsistency on abortion rights.

"All I can say is it's politics as usual," Bradley said of Gore. "It's 1,000 promises and 1,000 attacks. A promise to every special interest group and attack, attack, attack."

Des Moines Mayor Reveals Secret

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) - Preston Daniels has a secret - and it's spelled J-E-L-L-O.

Des Moines' mayor was the guest last week at a taping of "I've Got a Secret," a revival of the 1950s game show. His secret? His city is the nation's biggest per-capita Jell-O consumer.

A celebrity panel including Teri Garr, Amy Yasbeck, Kristoff St. John and Hal Sparks failed to guess Daniels' secret, and the mayor won $1,000.

And the money goes to the city?

"Actually, it's mine," Daniels said, "but we're going to give it to a charitable organization."

Clinton To Seek $350B Tax Cut

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Clinton will propose a $350 billion tax cut in his final State of the Union address tonight, urging relief from the marriage penalty and a new program of retirement savings accounts.

The president also will propose big tax breaks for education, including a deduction of up to $10,000 for college tuition. Another proposal would offer a tax deduction to encourage philanthropy.

Details of his proposals were released this morning in advance of the address before a joint session of Congress.

The president will say the nation stands at a moment of great prosperity and promise, and he will urge Americans to take a long look ahead to the challenges of the 21st century, White House chief of staff John Podesta said.

Clinton, turning to foreign policy, will say that America stands at the zenith of its power and influence and will urge that the United States encourage Russia and China to join the ranks of stable, prosperous democratic nations, National Security Adviser Sandy Berger said.

Along those lines, Clinton will urge Russia to safeguard its nuclear arsenal and will prod Congress to give China permanent most-favored-nation trade status.

Week-long FebFest celebration to kick off February 14

by Maurice I. Michaane
NEWS WRITER

After months of late nights and intense planning, Hamilton College's winter carnival, dubbed FebFest, is on the way. Chaired by Kurt Mangold, FebFest is a week-long winter celebration scheduled from February 14th to the 19th.

According to Mangold, many hours of hard work by the Events Planning Committee has paid off, and when FebFest arrives, the Hamilton community will be in for an exciting event. Aided by the help of Student Assembly and the Campus Activities Board, Mangold anticipates many fun-packed events throughout the week.

The week-long winter celebration kicks off with a Gong Show/Open Mic sponsored by CAB in the Events Barn. Hosting this fun-filled event will be past Student Assembly President Jack Spangler. There will also be guest judges for the aets, possibly including President Tobin. An outdoor skating rink will make its debut near Dunham Residence Hall. Justin Tavano '03 comments, "It's a good idea because people who enjoy ice-skating don't always have access to Sage Rink, and this will provide a great opportunity."

On Tuesday, an 8pm comedy hour by Justin McKinney in Café Opus will follow a wine-tasting contest, directed by Professor of Classics and wine connoisseur Carl Rubino, in the Little Pub. On Wednesday, Alternative Spring Break sponsors a pancake supper in the Little Pub from 4:30-6:30pm. Also on that night the class of 2003 will host a school-wide B-I-N-G-O tournament with many prizes, such as a big-screen TV, microwaves, and more.

On Thursday and Friday students can form teams with their friends to compete in the outdoor snow soccer tournament. In addition, Friday night's events will kick off with a spectacular fireworks show by Aburn Inc. The final snow soccer tournament will take place on Saturday, along with the 7th annual Chile cook-off at the Little Pub. Also that night, Samples with Percy Hills will perform. Concluding the festival, Student Assembly Vice President Dave Bugliari will DJ a late-night dance party.

Most events will be free of charge For events that are not free, students will be able to buy souvenir buttons that will serve as week-long passes and will give the bearer early seating at all the concerts.

Pendergast appointed coach

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Pendergast becomes the 29th head coach in the 108-year history of Hamilton College football, and only the sixth coach to lead the Continentals in the last 50 years. He replaces the second-winningest coach in Hamilton football history, Steve Frank, who guided the Continentals to a 56-63-1 record over 15 seasons, but resigned in December following an 0-8 record in the fall.

Pendergast and his wife, Leslie, a Proctor High School graduate, are the parents of Gregory, 7, and Taylor, 4.

Hamilton launches NYC program

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global processes has become a necessary p art of a liberal arts education."

This program is a curricular innovation, as members of the program committee are not aware of a comparable program anywhere, "much less at the colleges Hamilton is most often in competition with for new students," commented Professor Anechiarico. Working closely with the Admissions Office, the program's founders are attempting to publicize this opportunity to perspective students. The fact that Hamilton boasts a program of this sort will make the college even more attractive to students interested in the college, continued Anechiarico.

According to members of the program committee, the New York City program received enthusiastic support from President Tobin, outgoing Acting President Schwarz, the Admissions Office, and the Office of Communications and Development.

Interested students may direct questions to Prof. Anechiarico (x4342, fanechia@hamilton.edu) or to Prof. Balkan or Rutz. There will be a meeting this spring for those students interested in participating in the first program term in 2001. In addition, the program will have its own web page, available for access in February of his year.

Student Assemby has new leadership

*from **New Officers**, page 1*

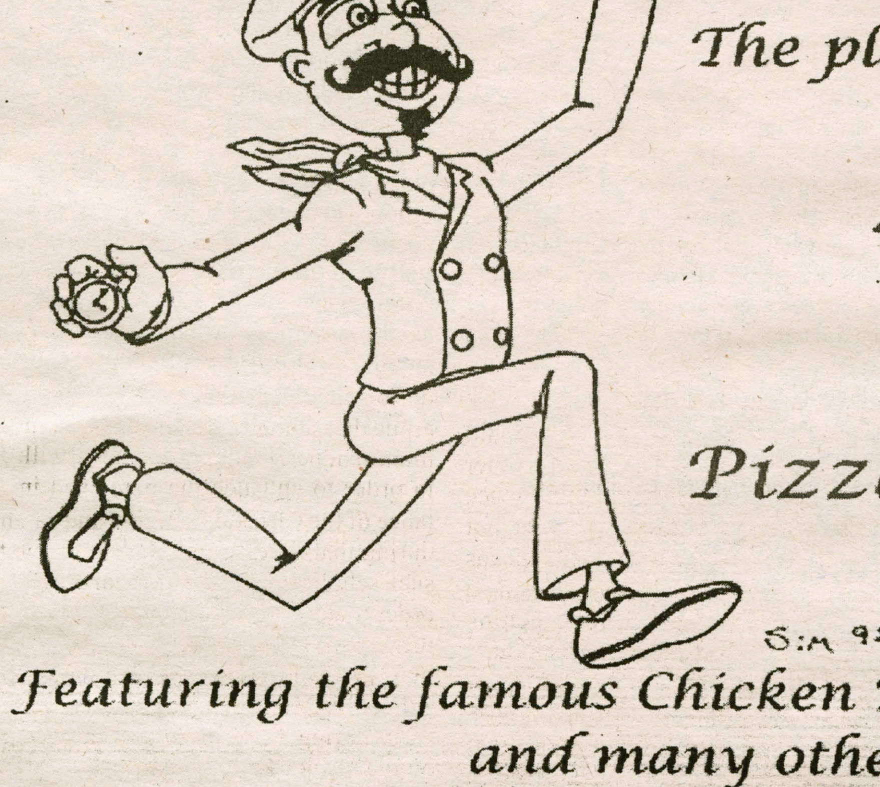
time during the week. They also plan to add suggestion tables around the campus. The use of newsletters, the radio, and more active representatives are all steps toward increasing the publicity of Student Assembly and getting more students involved. Bugliari even mentioned the possibility of holding town meetings to increase awareness and spurn debate. He felt that it was unfortunate that in the past he had not always been aware of the people representing him.

O'Keefe and Bugliari mentioned a number of events and practical measures that could improve campus life. Bugliari referred to the upcoming Febfest, headed by Kurt Mangold, in which he hopes that Student Assembly will be heavily involved by having different campus groups run different events. The ambitious pair also discussed the always-looming vision of bringing cable to Hamilton. Bugliari said, "John and I would like to be the administration that actually brought it [cable.]"

O'Keefe is also interested in having a good relationship with the administration. He stressed that he already has a good relationship with Dean Karen Green and with Bev Low, the director of student activities. O'Keefe will be meeting with President Tobin to discuss the upcoming semester. O'Keefe believes that a policy of being professional and aggressive will accomplish many things.

O'Keefe and Bugliari sound genuinely excited to be in their new positions. They reflected positively on the election and believe that they have been entrusted with making substantial changes by the high number of students who voted. Bugliari adds that as a team, "we see eye to eye on basically everything."

With their ideas collaborating and goals established, only time will reveal the effectiveness of O'Keefe and Bugliari's administration. However, it certainly appears that they have started out on the right foot.



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Saying Goodbye

Justin Tyler

What do you say? How do you describe an event that shakes the very fiber of your being? When I first heard that *The Spectator* was doing an article about Mike Maslyn's death, I wanted to be the one to write it. I've known him for seven years; we went to high school together, we grew up alongside each other, we'd seen each other at our best and worst and I didn't trust anyone else to write about him. But as I sit here, I can hardly find the words. How do you capture what it feels like to lose someone? Where are the words that breathe the emotion? What do you say?

I remember the day I first heard. It was our senior year in high school, October. My brother and I were throwing wood into our basement for the upcoming winter when the phone rang. It was Mike's mother. In a voice crazy and composed all at once, she told me that Mike had leukemia. She didn't have time to say anything else, but "she'd call later when she knew more, goodbye." What? What does that mean? I went back to throwing wood dizzy with confusion and worry. Leukemia. They can cure that right?

A year later he'd beaten it. He'd had a bone marrow transplant, his sister was a rare perfect match. We were on our way to college, standing on the threshold of the future, giddy with the new world that lay ahead. The doctors thought it would be better if we were roommates freshmen year and we couldn't agree more. We moved into North 112 and had the greatest time of our lives. We drank our first shots together, we stayed up until 4 AM playing MarioKart every night, we lived with the greatest people and fulfilled the college freshman's dream. But college does funny things to old friends. We grow and change so fast that sometimes we forget to hold onto the past. Second semester a room in Ferguson opened up and for health reasons, Mike took it. We grew apart some after that, each going our own way for awhile. We were still friends but never as close as we were.

Michael Maslyn

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Spring semester last year he sat a group of us down one day. He told us that the cancer had come back and he had to leave school. In that moment we could only comfort ourselves with the thought that he'd beaten it once, why the hell not twice? And he did beat it, for awhile. Over the summer he found out that he had it a third time. The doctors told him that he didn't have long to live, time had run out. What do you say to that?

Looking back you wonder if you did all you could for him. Was it the first hospital visit that mattered most to him or the last? Did he forgive you for all of your mistakes? Did you waste any time you could have spent with him? These are the questions that keep people up at night. It can drive you mad if you let it. Dealing with it is part of growing up I guess, learning what loss is and bearing it. It's a hard lesson.

Mike was many things to many people. He was a leader to the staff of *Panorama*, Hamilton's weekly news program. He was a competitor to those he met on the field and rink of the IM soccer and hockey leagues. He was student to the Japanese language and the Comparative Litereature field. He was a close friend to many, at Hamilton and abroad. To me, he was the one person that knew me for all I am. He knew what I'd come from and how I became who I am today. I am forever indebted to him; without his friendship I would be much less of a person. I hope he knew that in the end.

Everyone says that the funeral is a place to say goodbye to those that we've lost. It's the last time we see our departed friends, frozen lifeless in that moment. I don't believe in funerals. Every day is a goodbye. Every memory is another chance for us to bid farewell. No hellos and a thousand goodbyes, that's what death is. Well, goodbye Mike, goodbye and goodbye and goodbye.

There will be a memorial service for Mike Maslyn Febuary 8th at 4:30 PM in the chapel.

Hamilton's drug alcohol policy and its consequences

Like many other institutions, Hamilton College faces medical emergencies from time to time. Many students drink alcohol; some take drugs as well. Occasionally, a student will drink or smoke too much and need urgent medical assistance. With any other type of illness or injury, the decision to call the EMTs (emergency medical technicians) is easy to make, but when it comes to alcohol or substance abuse, many issues come into play. Often, the victim is incapable of making the decision, and his or her friends may consider more than the person's health. I have two first-hand experiences that I believe illustrate how an urgent medical situation involving alcohol or drugs can get complicated.

Jacob Heyman-Kantor

My first year at Hamilton, I had an acquaintance, a serious athlete recruited by the school. His quality of life depended largely on how he was doing athletically. One day he told me and a number of others present that if he drank too much alcohol, we should under no condition call the EMTs, even if we thought he was going to die. He was worried that his coach would find out and he would be kicked off the team.

Later that year, a friend of mine went to a party and got drunk, very drunk, for the first time in his life. When I came back that night, I found him vomiting into a garbage can as he lay half on his couch and half on the floor in a semi-conscious state, unable to speak clearly and obviously feeling very sick. Through his garbled words I could hear him say, "I'm OK, don't call the EMTs." He was worried that his overbearing parents would find out.

It seems as though everyone on campus, from the most drunk to the most sober, has the impression that a call to the EMTs means you're not only getting help, but also getting in trouble. First of all, the EMTs do not tell anyone the names of the students they treat. "What we do is completely confidential," says Rachel Bareck, a student EMT on campus. HCEMS (Hamilton College Emergency Services) is a state-governed organization that binds the EMTs to confidentiality. "If I found that any EMT betrayed this confidentiality, he or she would stop being an EMT for Hamilton immediately," explains Diann Lynch, a registered nurse and the director of the EMT program. So is this notion that an inebriated student who calls for help will suffer disciplinary action completely devoid of truth?

Not quite. When a student calls extension 4000 for emergency medical assistance, a paging system notifies the EMTs. The nature of the emergency and the building and room where it is occurring, but not the name of the patient, is broadcast over walkie-talkies. Security gets this message as well and will arrive on the scene with a van that carries emergency equipment. If the patient needs to go to the hospital, the EMT calls an ambulance and security informs the on-call administrator of what is occuring. The EMT's report is not given to anyone, but Campus Safety must, by law, file a report that goes to the president, residential life, and the dean's office. "If a student goes to the hospital, his or her parents are going to find out," says Nancy Thompson, Dean of Students. She goes on to say that this is because of insurance bills, because the patient is a minor, or because the doctor feels the student's parents need to know (the college only informs parents at this point if the student's life is in danger.)

Now comes the tricky part. Any time a student goes to the hospital, the health center requests a short follow-up appointment. Alcohol- and drug-related victims must meet with an administrator from the dean of students' office or from residential life to discuss the incident. The administration will refer the students to a mandatory alcohol awareness program. Students are sent to either AES (alcohol education seminar), a two hour course, or TRAC (Towards Responsible Awareness of Chemicals), a ten-hour course. These are educational, not disciplinary, in nature. Second infractions can put a student on social probation, can result in automatic parental notification, and can make a student ineligible for study abroad. A third infraction can result in suspension.

Going to the hospital for alcohol poisoning or drug overdose are only two reasons a student may be put into TRAC or AES, or have disciplinary action taken against him. The administration sends students to these programs because of alcohol-related infractions as well as other infractions, such as vandalism or assault. But how often does a student get in trouble for drinking alcohol or taking drugs if he does not get sick or hurt other people and no one calls for help? "Never," says Jerome Duda, assistant director of Campus Safety. The passive alcoholic or drug addict is not in danger from Hamilton unless he gets sick and has to call the EMTs.

This policy causes students to think twice before calling the EMTs for an alcohol- or drug-related emergency. "I tell everyone... don't call the EMTs," says Wendy Morales, a senior who has had some run-ins with EMTs and Hamilton's punitive system. This is a very serious problem. As Pat Ingalls, director of campus safety, says, "If the EMTs are not called, a student could die, and students die all of the time [at other institutions]." Students should think twice when they pick up a beer can or a joint, not when someone is sick. Maybe this means getting students in trouble just for using a drug or drinking alcohol without getting sick or committing any other infraction.

But I do not think that TRAC, AES, or the J-board has room for seventeen hundred students. Maybe Hamilton could grant immunity to a student who calls the EMTs or simply take security out of the picture during a medical emergency.

Duda says, "A student should never hesitate to call the EMTs."

But on the other hand, maybe a private institution such as Hamilton should never give students any reason to hesitate when calling an EMT.

Millenial Reflections

Riley Fenner

The recent changing of the millennium was a study in anticlimax for our culture. It was easy to sense the disappointment of news anchors, assigned to long shifts in cold locations, in the lack of apocalyptic accompaniments to "Y2K." The plague that experts feared computers would unleash upon the planet did not materialize as the two infamous numerals circumnavigated the globe. The most sensible (or perhaps laziest) Americans, who turned on their televisions on the morning of December 31 and were informed that Australia and Japan had not suffered any failures of their life support systems, chose not to panic.

This did not keep them, however, from months of hype concerning disasters that could consume our electronically-dominated world at the changing of the millennium. The greatest difference between this millennial shift and the one that occurred at the year 1000 is the focus on computers rather than on religion. There is a significant amount of debate concerning the amount of thought given to the year 1000 during medieval times. Some historians argue that scholars created tales of "millennium madness" among medieval villagers in order to enhance the perceived importance of the Christian religion and calendar during that time period. Others argue that such scholars revised historical accounts in order to downplay the importance given to the new millennium because of the church's inaccurate apocalyptic predictions. Revisionist historians aside, it is clear that the focus during medieval times centered more on the virtuous than the virtual.

In both cases, one portion of society used a numerical creation of their own to instill fear in the masses for its own benefit. Whether they were afraid of the coming of an antichrist armed with numerous plagues or of a computer virus that could erase every form of identification in their wallet,

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EDITORIAL

As you have undoubtedly noticed *The Spectator* has undergone some major changes. These changes are not only ones that you can see by looking through the pages of *The Spectator*, as we are in the process of revising the fundamental philosophy of your newspaper.

Gone are the days of throwing together twenty stories on Thursday night at 2:00am. Instead of crunching everything into one night, the staff works on the paper for three nights, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. This gives editors a chance to thoroughly plan their sections.

This extra time allows us to give you , the readers, a better quality paper, with stories that are more interesting to you. Allowing writers more time to work on their stories by assigning them a week before the actual paper is due out, allows the staff to work more closely with writers to ensure that the content of each article is factually correct and that people are not misquoted. Copy editors then go over mistakes with writers, to insure that writers have the opportunity to improve their journalistic style of writing through the course of the semester.

It is not only with the help of copy editors and ealier deadlines that the paper will improve, but *The Spectator* is sponsoring a seminar series in which we are bringing in people who will help us improve the overall quality of the paper. These include people from graphic designers, to senior correspondents for the L.A. Times.

The changes you currently see in the paper represent an ongoing process to update the look, readability, and accuracy of *The Spectator*. In the coming weeks please look for more changes and an increased integration of the new layout. Even when the paper is finished receiving its overhaul, the editorial board will still be vigorously pursuing ways in which *The Spectator* can become a better paper. We hope that you enjoy the changes that we have made at this point in time.

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Margaret Thatcher: an alternative point of view

Peter Brunette '02

For under an hour and at a cost of well over $1,000 per minute, Margaret Thatcher spoke at Hamilton College.

Protesters outside of the assembly displayed wanted posters bearing Thatcher's picture because of her actions in Northern Ireland. Protestors inside the assembly carried posters with messages such as "Pinochet is Guilty" and "Shameful Friends," referring to Thatcher's support of August Pinochet's dictatorship.

There are several reasons, which were evident in the former Prime Minister's speech, to protest against Thatcher. No one could listen to her entire speech without noticing her repetition of the word "tyrant" when referring to her enemies. When a student asked how she would justify the Falkland War to the mother of a British soldier who died, she responded by saying that he had protected the people of the Falkland Islands from "Argentinean tyranny," a catch-phrase that must help countless British mothers stop crying for their dead children.

Most astonishing was her claim that "Pinochet brought democracy to Chile." Pinochet lead a coup against the freely elected democratic leader Salvador Allende. Thatcher claimed that she did not know of any human rights violations committed by Pinochet, even though the Chilean government has admitted to the deaths of over 3000 people. Apparently, Margaret Thatcher does not feel it worth her time to follow human rights.

Thatcher constantly revealed her own hypocrisy. She described how NATO should send its armies into foreign countries when we can bring liberty and win quickly and easily. Prime Minister Thatcher picked and chose which dictators to support and which to oppose. She supported and continues to support Pinochet's coup. She supported Reagan's donation of $1 million a day to a ruthless dictator in El Salvador who is responsible for the disappearances and murders of countless thousands of El Salvadorians, including Archbishop Oscar Romero and over 900 unarmed civilians at El Mozote.

She referred to the recent protests against the WTO in Seattle as an "abuse of freedom." This abuse of freedom consisted of 40,000 people nonviolently protesting the exclusion of all but a few corporate executives and politicians from an organization with the power to supercede democratically passed laws, as they have done with laws protecting endangered sea turtles. Although a very small number (probably around 100) of protestors turned violent, it occurred only after police fired tear gas at nonviolent demonstrators. If it is an abuse of freedom to organize nonviolent protests, then freedom does not exist in the first place.

A Millenium of Art and Belief

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the masses attempted to quell their fears by appeasing those mortals who could best ward off catastrophe. Medieval peasants offered destroyed. Likewise, modern middle class families stocked up on Y2K survival kits at the supermarket, or, if they had retained some degree of independence from consumer society, made sure they had enough ammunition in their guns, food for their freezers, and wood for their stoves.

It is more interesting to examine the subtle differences in our reactions to depictions of the divine, give or take a few hundred years from the years of the zeroes. As a cultural standard to which all others must direct their attention, New York City stands out as the hub of this millennium, with the traditional falling crystal sphere timed to begin its descent at the prompting of an atomic clock buried deep in the Rocky Mountains and with the honorable Mayor Rudolph Giuliani manning the pageantry as the world watched.

A comparable standard for the year 1000 could only be the city of Constantinople, the center of the Byzantine Empire. The city became the capital of the Roman Empire during the reign of the first Christian emperor, Constantine. Likewise, New York City is the symbolic center of the global marketplace, the rising power of our own time. However, this tale of paired cities does not have a happy ending for the Big Apple, as any scholar of religion will soon discover.

The emperor of Constantinople in the eighth century, Leo III, believed that Christians' worship of images portraying Jesus and the saints was a lapse into idolotry. He ordered all such images destroyed. Those who carried out the destruction were known as the iconoclasts. The Pope in Rome, who led the competing religious authority of the time, the Catholic church, spoke out against the iconoclasts. This created the eternal rift between Orthodox Christians and Catholics. Eventually the Catholic Church gained far more political power. Although the Orthodox Church condemned iconoclasm in the next century, one foolish proclamation precipitated centuries of failure for a once-great empire.

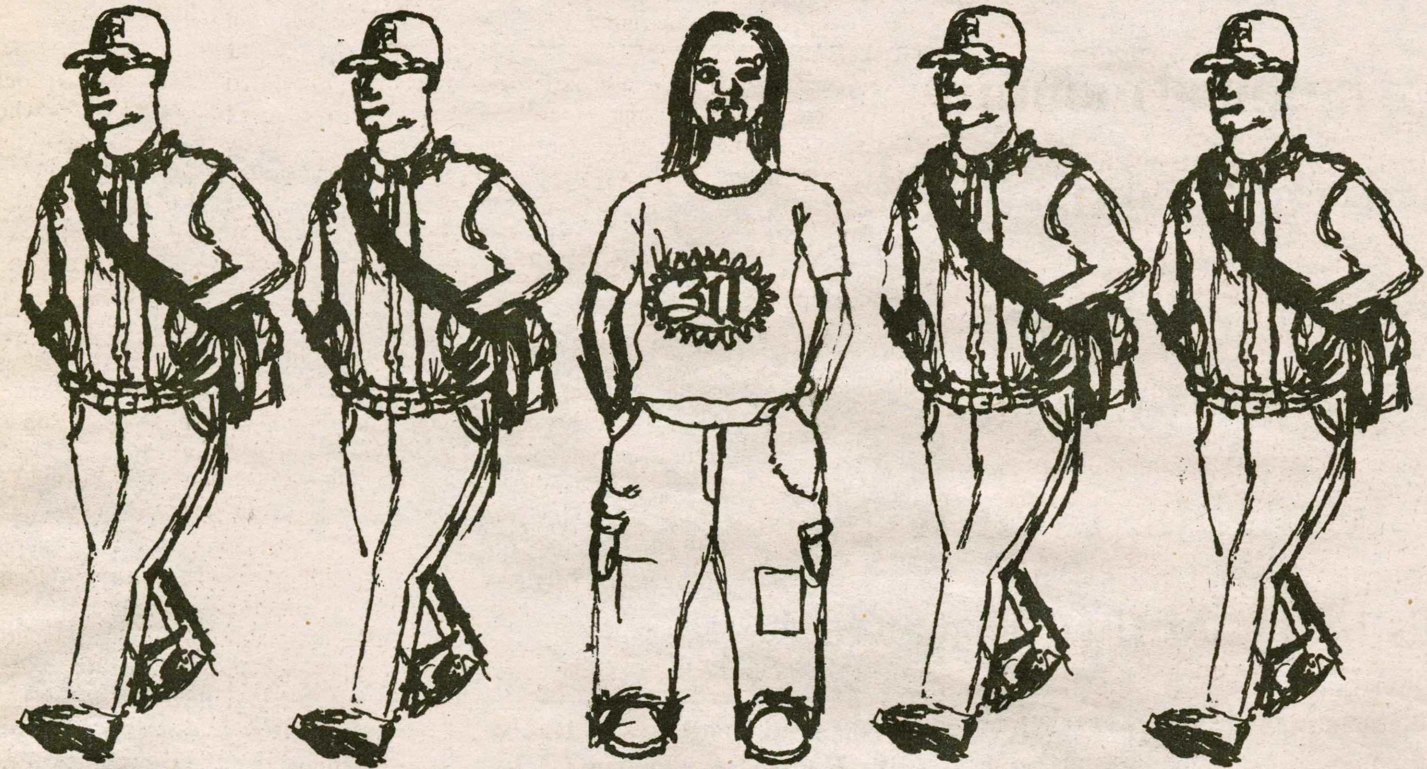
While New York City, like Constantinople, also represents a paragon of intellectual mixing of cultures, its leadership suffers a similar lack of understanding toward the power of images. The mayor of the city that is home to the most influential and respected newspaper in the nation condemns a government-funded art exhibit for its sacrilegious nature. Meanwhile, the Japanese go on to attain total literacy and the highest newspaper readership in the world, and continue to integrate views from all cultures in their intellectual life.

The Japanese have a long tradition of neutrality toward artwork that depicts religious subjects in a negative light. The Tokyo National Museum holds a work that is roughly contemporary to the iconoclasts and which would certainly be a modern day target of Mayor Giuliani if it depicted a Christian ceremony. The scroll painting depicts a Buddhist place of worship in which various animals play the rolls of the people in the painting (e.g., a frog as the Buddha).

Leo III failed to realize the relative importance of art and belief. While art may be briefly appreciated for the message that it conveys, only art that has inherent beauty not based on external purpose will hold any lasting value. Thus, he needn't have worried about the worshippers of Christian images holding these works above that of the true almighty Lord, since the worshippers' appreciation of them could not have lasted without involving an abstraction from their purposes. However, by condemning the works, he made them into symbols of a political conflict, saving them from the landfill of history.

More than a millennium later, Mr. Giuliani has followed in Leo III's footsteps by condemning artworks that would most likely have disappeared into obscurity if not for his action. While there has not been an official response to his decision from across the Pacific, one can only guess at the impact that Japanese tourists returning home from New York have had on their nation's opinion of American leadership. Any of them who happened to watch Giuliani signal for the ball drop that heralded the dawn of a new millennium must have sensed that the time had come for the next westward shift of power.

Blue oxfords, tan khakis & marginalization



Half Cocked

W.J. Gormley

To the Hamilton Community:

Bret Monroe and I would like to thank the Hamilton Student body for electing us the President and Vice-President of Student Assembly. A chicken in every pot and pot for every chicken is what we promised and what we delivered. We were the under dog candidates but through perseverance and persistence we muddled through and can claim victory. To all who voted for us your vote was a vote for progress, a vote for peace in our time, a vote for the Vietnamization of the war, a vote for the Great Society and a vote against the Smoot-Hawley Tariff and the Tea Pot Dome Scandal. An iron curtain has descended across the continent...

"Dude,"

"Yes Brett 'Adlai Stevenson' Monroe."

"We lost."

"Really?"

"Yeah, dude. We got spanked. It was like dollar night at the Mustang Ranch, everybody got screwed."

"No way. Are you trying to tell me that John O'Keefe and Boogs were more popular than a conversation about prune juice amongst a bunch of octogenarians? Are we more washed up than Joe Piscopo?"

"Fraid so Gorm. Could you pass me the dipper? Get your clothes out of my car.'""

Well, there you have it. Brett and I were violated during the election. We lost by over 500 votes. I think the final count was something like 137 for peace, prosperity and back fat, while 643 were for the status quo and hairless, pre-pubescence. There were about 10 votes for other candidates on a write-in basis. In fact, my girl friend didn't even vote for me. She voted for herself and talked her friend into it. Regardless of how you slice it, about 800 people voted. That is the largest turnout in the history of SA elections. More people voted against the fat boys than voted in the entire two previous elections combined. I feel like Susan Lucci did a year ago.

What is your people's problem? Are you trying to tell me that Brett and I are that disliked? GO SCRATCH. We rock the party that rocks the party. I don't need this kind of slap in the face right now. I am at a relatively sensitive place. "Sob, Sob."

"Dude"

"Yes oh Brett "Marshal Ney to my Napoleon" Monroe, vanquished by John "Lord Wellington" O'Keefe and Boogs..."

"Dude. Stop. This is pathetic. It's not funny. Stop beating yourself up like congressional republicans in 1959 for passing the 22nd amendment in 1951. Also, stop with the obscure historical allusions and similes. Who the hell talks like that."

"First off the 'hate Roosevelt amendment' is not an obscure allusion. Second, what do I talk about?"

"Do what you do best. Bitch. You are a gadfly, a muckraker, certainly not a leader. Give the people what they want. They have spoken. Oh, Yeah. One other thing, Get your freaking clothes out of my car."

Well, if there's one thing that holds true Brett "that's with 2 T's ya jerk" Monroe, has his finger on the pulse of the student body, and I can do nothing but bend to their whims. Once again I am going to go off half cocked and share with you my new concerns about this place.

First, what the hell is up with the eating patterns on this goddamn campus. I look around and every single girl I see is in some weird sort of competition for who can have the smallest number of sticks of celery on their plate. Christ people, would you eat something. How about a hot pocket or an eggo? 'Oh my god (insert suitable WASPy name). You had like three whole pieces of celery and 7 chick peas. Lets go work out for 2 hours." Yet these same people will go out on a Friday night and swill their weight worth of U.C. and Franzia white zin at a party in South or Carnegie. I do not understand. I mean granted, I am fat bastard whose ideal breakfast is a pound of bacon, one fried egg, spray cheese on a glazed donut cut in half, covered in Aunt Jemima. Dispensing serious nutritional information is beyond me, but even I know just 3 pieces of celery is wrong. Try to do something in the middle. That would probably be your next best choice after IV bags of Chunky Monkey from the diner.

I know I am making fun of a serious issue, and I have probably offended some people, and it is not that easy. I am not trying to malign eating disorders; rather I am trying to malign the institutionalized sense of everyone being the same and everyone acting the same. If this sort of mass psychosis made sense or was directed toward something maybe it would be, while not beneficial or good, at least sustainable. If the amount of pressure and activity that goes into appearance at Hamtech went into our studies we would not call this place Hamilton. It would be called MIT.

We are absolutely vanilla. Everything is the same. Almost every person here wears khaki at least 2 days a week. Everyone owns at least one piece of clothing from Abercrombie, J-Crew, North Face, and L.L. Bean. The snow makes it worse. Despite the effect of this white crap making every building blend together in a Thoureuesque New England motif, it's as if the North Face fairy came down and blessed the school with obnoxiously bright primary colors contrasted with black. These jackets and fleeces were designed for climbing K2 and Kilamnjaro, not for faux apres ski bunnies struggling to their range rovers so they can drive to class. Our school colors shouldn't be buff and blue but Black Lycra and Black Fleece. Faceless automatons circulate the campus and every North Court party has the same cheap beer, the same ghetto jams (freshman year it was "Let me clear my throat" and "Come on ride the Train", now its "We like to party"), the same conversations about trust funds and unwinding from a hard day of being elitist pricks. Any sort of diversity that goes on is just wearing and doing the same stuff in a different way. People diversify in packs. Each society can clearly be identified by the way they wear their blue oxford and khakis. For AD its all polo with reef sandals, belts with fish on them and wrap around sunglasses. If you're in Chi Psi the khakis are dirty, the color of your shirt is worn and you have a dirty baseball cap on. TKE brothers wear pocket protectors while D Phi has Star Trek Communicator pins. I would comment on Sig, but I'm not quite sure who those guys are, except for Ringel, and he always wears the same pair of wind pants. ATX girls wear their shirts open 2 buttons tucked into starched plain front pants with a silver necklace. For PBX it's the same but switch necklace for bracelet and everything is a little bit tighter, smelling like hockey player. It is sick.

Does this sort of slavish sheep-like quality of our community begin here at Hamilton? To an extent, yes. I am pretty sure not that many people knew what Northsails was or why you would want to put a giant flag with their motto on it on the ceiling of your room. Even if you did, why do people want to emulate that? I think to a certain extent people here want others to believe that they come from money or show that they have the kind of money that some people want to have. Being invited to Rit Fullers cocktail party on parents' weekend is no longer enough. You have to wear 2000 dollars worth of clothes and accessories to class. Or enough designer knock off bought in Chinatown for people to think your wearing 2 g's on your back. If you don't wear that crap people make fun of you. How many times have you seen an email from the fencing team and laughed about all of the tools who do that sport? Why are they tools? I've never even met those people and yet I sometimes find myself falling into that trap because they look slightly different. For that I am sorry because I am sure I am denying myself the opportunity to participate in a sport I enjoyed in High School (private college prep if you must know) and marginalizing a group of people I have never met. But this sort of judging a book by its cover confronted me the first time I stepped onto the hill. I was at rush function my freshman year and, I am not making this up, people checked to see what brand of shoes I was wearing. (I'm not sure if polo makes shoes and if they did I am pretty sure only those would have been acceptable.)

So being different is fiercely fought against. The different people are ostracized. If you're not a size 4 or can chug a beer in 10 seconds, your social stock plummets. You become part of the

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Guancial spends summer in NIH research lab

by Annie Toth '02
SCIENCE WRITER

While many Hamilton juniors went abroad last term to Europe, Australia, and Africa, Liz Guancial '01 spent an equally enlightening semester at the National Institute of Health (NIH) in Bethesda, MD. The NIH, one of eight agencies of the Public Health Service, includes 25 separate institutes and centers. In each facility, researchers from all over the world work to understand many areas of basic science such as unraveling the human genome and discovering causes of cancer.

Guancial was a 'bench' researcher in the Medical Virology Section of the Lab of Clinical Investigations in the National Institute of Allergies and Infectious Disease. Her section, headed by world famous herpes researcher Stephen Straus, consisted of fourteen workers, 13 of which were Ph.Ds and MDs. Guancial was the only undergraduate.

"The initial month was challenging," said Guancial. "I was a little intimidated by the intensity level at the lab. It wasn't rare for the researchers to work late nights, even until 11:00 on Sunday evenings." Even on national holidays, when the entire city of D.C. was celebrating, NIH workers would voluntarily report to their labs.

"Medical research is like a race," she added. "The faster you work, the sooner advances are made. That is what drives them."

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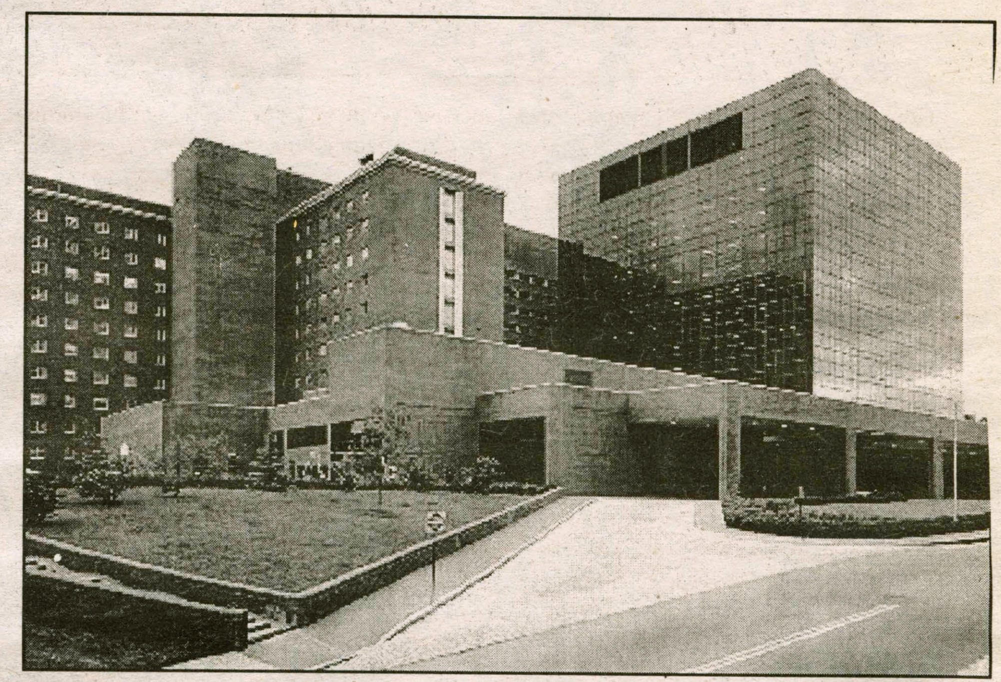

The National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD. A division of the Public Health Service, the NIH is a leader in medical research.

Guancial caught on quickly, however, and was soon fascinated by her research. She worked with mice that were transgenic for certain genes of the herpes simplex II virus, the virus responsible for genital herpes. Transgenic means that the organism has been manipulated to carry one or more genes of specific interest. She investigated the viral and host factors that regulate latency and reactivation of the virus. The work currently being conducted in her lab has several clinical applications including the development of suppressive drugs and vaccines for genital herpes.

While working in the lab, Guancial took classes in cellular physiology and current scientific literature, presented her work to a panel of researchers, and attended weekly seminars including one given by Anthony Fauci, a pioneer in the field of AIDS research. In addition, she volunteered at D.C. Central Soup Kitchen, went for frequent runs on the Mall, and did some sightseeing around the city.

Guancial, who plans to attend medical school and pursue a career in research after graduating from Hamilton, feels that her semester at the NIH was a truly clarifying experience. She admits that the NIH is not for every science student, but strongly recommends the program to anyone who is interested medical research and enjoys working in the lab.

"The investigators at NIH are at the top of their fields," she said. "At times I wondered why they would invite undergraduates to work with them, but the truth of the matter is that they love their jobs and want to teach others about their research projects. Working among them was truly a privilege."

Biotech: The NASDAQ's Golden Egg

by Doug Wheeler '03
SCIENCE WRITER

If there has been a breakout type of stock over the past few years, without a doubt it has been biotech. Cutting edge science and technology has proven to be a most profitable enterprise, turning NASDAQ and NYSE companies such as Celera and Affymetrix into household (and incredibly profitable) names among investors.

Foremost among the biotechnology companies are those involved in genomics, the study of an entire organism's genes and how they function, both normally and abnormally. Some 100,000 genes arranged into 46 chromosomes encode every human's genetic information. Aberrant genes can lead to physiological disorders. The quest to decode the human genome is essentially a quest to understand the genetic basis of many serious medical disorders.

One company carrying out human genomic research is Celera (CRA), which defines its mission as becoming the definitive "source of genomic and related medical and agricultural information." In addition to working on projects such as the fruit-fly genetic sequence, which it completed in December, Celera is conducting human genomic research and expects to have the human genome encoded as early as 2001.

Fruit flies and humans may seem like an odd combination, but according to Celera, similarities between the species can help to cure maladies that afflict humans. One example is childhood blindness, which is caused by the same gene that causes the "eyeless" trait in fruit flies. A deeper understanding of these genetic similarities will hopefully reveal remedies for such diseases.

Investors have kept track of the progress of companies such as Celera and invested accordingly. Since its stock first appeared on the NYSE in May of 1999 at around $ 25 per share, it has risen to nearly $ 300 per share, beginning its growth in November, only two months after its entry into the human genome project.

Also riding the wave of the genome project is Affymetrix (AFFX). Affymetrix produces a product known as the "Gene Chip," which "provides efficient access to genetic information using miniaturized, high-density arrays of oligonucleotide probes," according to Affymetrix. In other words, it is a new way to manage and mine genetic data.

The convenience of a chip containing genetic information will greatly increase the speed and power of working with genetic information on a genomic scale. Affymetrix's stock rose around the same time as Celera's, when the word Genome became a buzz word on Wall Street. Right now, billions of dollars are at stake in this field.

Yet another company involved in Genome research is Human Genome Sciences, Inc (HGSI). So far, Human Genome Sciences' research has yielded three drugs, all of which are currently undergoing human clinical trials.

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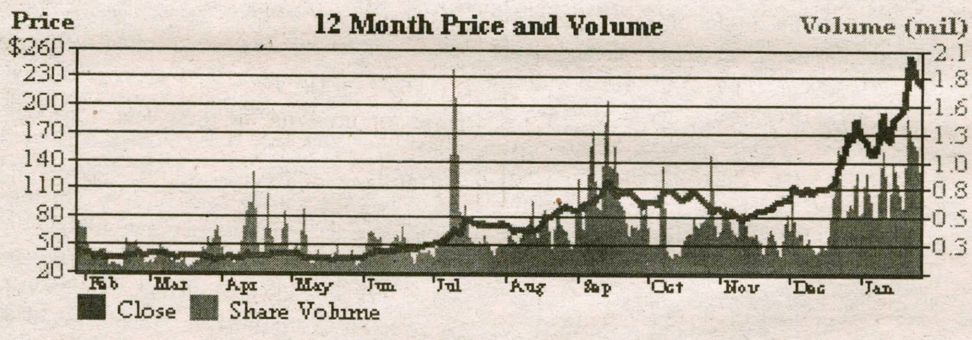
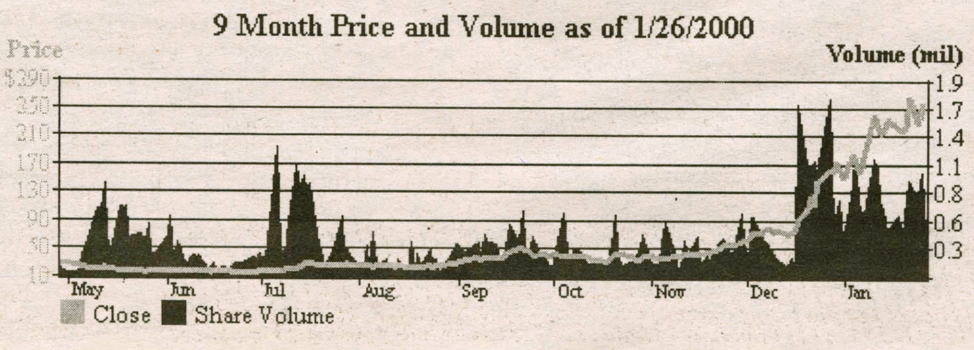


Celera



Two of these drugs, according to HGSI, may improve cancer treatments by shielding normal cells from toxic cancer treatments, while leaving cancerous cells vulnerable.

More specifically, the drug Myeloid Progenitor Inhibitory Factor-1 may protect bone marrow from the effects of chemotherapy. Keratinocyte Growth Factor-2, the second cancer drug may protect the body's mucosal tissues that line the mouth, colon and intestines. Their third drug, Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor-2, may be an effective drug in helping combat vascular disease in the heart and limbs. This drug aids cardiac and skeletal muscle in the formation of new lymph and blood vessels, a process known as angiogenesis. All three of these drugs have been made with the applied knowledge of human genomics. Human Genome Sciences claims that with each new human gene that is discovered, medical solutions can be found and formulated.

Many concepts are "on the bench" of biotechnology, says BioTech Navigator, an online biotechnology investing think tank. These concepts, according to BioTech Navigator include the use of combinatorial chemistry, using two or more drugs at the same time for an increased effect, as well as carbohydrate technology. Carbohydrates, which are large groups of sugars, are situated on the outside of cells and can act as signalers, directing cells in their functions. It is hoped that manipulation of these "signs" can lead to medical solutions.

Human genome research may offer a plethora of remedies for diseases and other disorders that afflict humans. For now though, biotech firms and revolutionary advances in genomics are pushing the stock markets to new heights.

Why a science section??

A note from the editor...

How many times have you heard a news anchor say, "A recent scientific study has shown that drinking a glass of red wine every day helps people live longer or "Scientists say that consuming too much fat and cholesterol can lead to heart disease." Then they cut to an interview with a 106 year-old woman from France who, in addition to her daily cabernet, downs plates of fois gras and smokes unfiltered cigarettes. How are we supposed to reconcile these seemingly contradictory stories?

The answer is simple: by understanding more about what science is and how it works. Is the study wrong? Is the French woman a freak of nature? Who are these scientists who tell us what we should eat, how toxic is the air we breathe and what is happening out in space and below the ocean. People often say in conversation "Well *they* say..." Who are *they*, and why do we seem to listen to everything *they* say?

They are scientists, and scientists interrogate reality. Their office is the laboratory. By observing, measuring, asking questions, developing ideas and testing theories about every aspect of our world, scientists try to figure out what makes 'things' tick. Astronomers look to the sky and study planets, stars, black holes, galaxies and comets. Biologists look to at organisms and study development, diseases, genetics, nutrition, evolution and the like. And there is a field of science to look at just about everything in between.

But science is not perfect. From the laboratory came many of the hallmark inventions of our age, including the combustion engine, telecommunications satellites and penicillin. Other products of ingenuity and innovation include the neutron bomb, VX poison gas and deadly toxic wastes. We also might ask who benefits from scientific breakthroughs. If a cure for AIDS were discovered tomorrow, how many members of the impoverished communities most ravaged by the disease would actually be able to afford such a treatment?

Science is a part of our society, just as the legal system and public schools are parts of society. If society were wholly benevolent, science probably would be too. Scientific research is carried out by humans, who have human fears, needs and emotions, just like you do. These humans, however, are charged with defining the rules of our physical world.

I think we should know about these things. If you are a student at this college, you should know that you enjoy privileges accessible only to about one or two percent of people our age in the entire world. I'm sick of hearing, from graduation speeches and politicians, that we are the next generation of this country, but I'm starting to believe it.

The goal of this section is to bridge the gap between the scientific and non-scientific communities. We will try to communicate complicated ideas in plain english, without too much of the heavy and confusing language that is often used in scientific discourse. The age we live in is like a 21st century enlightenment in many ways. We hope you'll enjoy reading about it.

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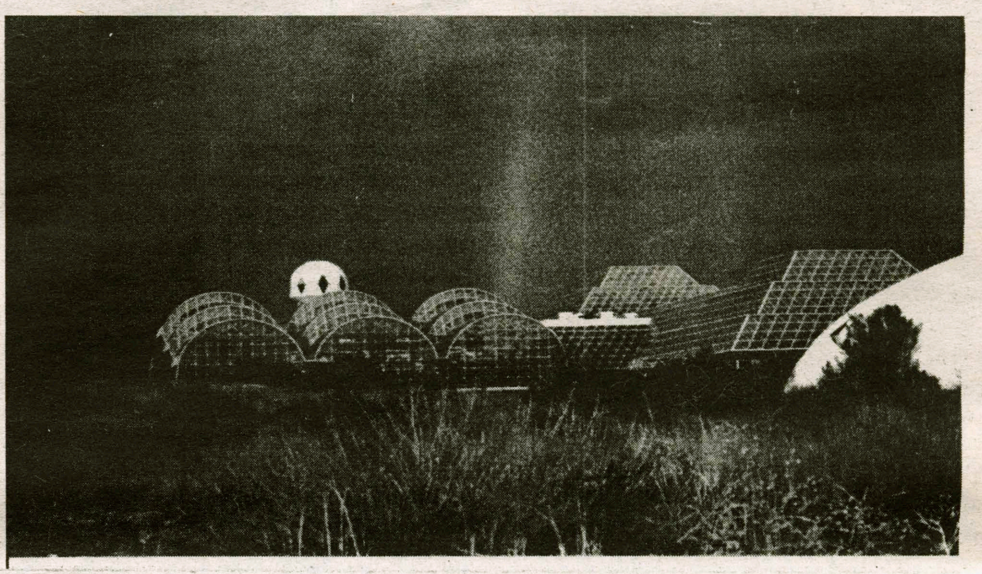
Greece

Biosphere 2: Call it my dome away from home

by Mike Farrell '00
SCIENCE WRITER

I had the opportunity to participate in the Earth Semester at Columbia University's Biosphere 2 Center last semester. Located in the foothills of the Santa Catalina Mountains, about a half-hour north of Tucson, the Biosphere is truly a unique and fascinating place.

I wasn't trapped in 'the bubble', nor did I chill with Pauly Shore in the Biosphere rainforest, but it was still one of the most memorable experiences of my life. For those who may not know, the Biosphere 2 is a 3.15 acre glass covered structure that is home to a rainforest, desert, ocean, savannah, marsh, and three intensive agriculture biomes, as well as a converted human habitat.



Columbia University's Biosphere 2 in northern Arizona. Senior Mike Farrell spent last semester studying environmental sciences there.

The idea and original plans for the Biosphere came about in the late 1960's by a cult with a reputation for consuming massive amounts of psychedelic drugs. They wanted to learn the science of 'biospherics', so that they could build a 'biosphere shuttle' capable of transporting the cult members to live on Mars. They convinced the son of a Texas millionaire in the oil industry to fund the project, as Ed Bass forked over millions of dollars to start the process.

Construction began in the early 1980's, and they were still working on it when the first 'mission' began in 1990. Nine people, eight of whom were members of the cult, were placed inside for two years to see if they could live on their own without any outside assistance. Some initial food was allotted, but the biospherians were mainly responsible for growing all their own food and recycling all of their wastes. Due to a depleting amount of oxygen and a scarce food supply, the operation was considered a failure and the people were let out early.

After two miserable attempts to sustain human life in the Biosphere, Columbia University eventually took over operation in 1994. They no longer allowed people to live inside, but rather devoted the structure to research on how our planet will might respond to increased carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere. Due to the burning of fossil fuels and massive deforestation, carbon dioxide levels are expected to double in the next 100 years, so they have simulated these conditions inside the biosphere, and are currently studying the effects.

Columbia also wanted to use the facility to teach undergraduate students, so the first Earth Semester began in the Fall of 1996 with 25 brave students, mostly from Columbia and Barnard. It has been growing ever since, and the plan is to reach a capacity of about 350 students in the next three years. In addition, they hope to develop a graduate program in environmental science within five years. For students studying astronomy, the Universe Semester was also added this past Fall, making use of the clear desert skies and a huge new telescope.

The Earth Semester is not your conventional college experience, but that is what makes it so incredible. In order to transfer credits back to your regular school, students take four classes in the environmental sciences; Conservation biology, earth systems science, law, politics, and economics of global change, and a seminar on planetary management. Students also do an independent research project, usually working with Columbia researchers inside the Biosphere, but other opportunities working off campus with local conservation groups are also available.

The best aspect of the Earth Semester is the fact that it includes so much field-based learning. We did landscape comparison exercises in the Biosphere and surrounding desert, as well as at a nearby coniferous forest on the top of Mount Lemmon. We also an enormous copper mine, went to the Desert Museum zoo, and did a variety of other outdoor activities.

But best of all, there were two week long field trips at the Grand Canyon and Gulf of California. We camped at the Grand Canyon at the end of September and studied various aspects of Northern Arizona ecology. Some of the highlights included a 22-mile hike down into the canyon, touring the insides of the Glen Canyon Dam, exploring the Wupatki Ruins, and walking through an experimental forest.

In the beginning of November, we spent a week camping out by the beach on the Gulf of California in Mexico. Hosted by a local conservation organization, Centro de Estudio de Desiertos y Oceanos, we did transects of the intertidal pools, hiked on the Pinnacate sand dunes, played around in the estuaries, and visited a local oyster farm.

To those interested in environmental issues and planning on studying abroad, I strongly suggest going to the Biosphere. They also have excellen summer programs if you are unable to devote an entire semester away from Hamilton. To find out more, visit www.bio2.edu, but also feel free to call me at 2596 with any questions.

Movie Review

By Matt Olney

MAGNOLIA

Earl Partridge (Jason Robards) is a rich tycoon who, on his deathbed, only wants to see his long lost son; Linda Partridge (Julianne Moore) is his much younger wife whose life is in shambles with her husband's illness. Phil Parma (Philip Seymour Hoffman) is the in-home nurse who attempts to grant Earl's final request. Stanley Spector (Jeremy Blackman) is a kid-whiz who just wants his father's love. Donnie Smith (William H. Macy) is a former child genius who is trying to cope with his miserable life. Jimmy Gator (Philip Baker Hall) is the alcoholic game show host who is struggling to keep a relationship with his drugged-out daughter Claudia (Melora Walters). Police officer Jim Kurring (John C. Reilly) meets Claudia during a disturbance call and falls in love with her innocense. And finally there is Frank Mackey (Tom Cruise), the chauvenistic infomercial female suduction guru who turns out to be the antithesis of his boisterous image. These are the players of writer/director Paul Thomas Anderson's new masterpiece Magnolia, and their lives on this single bizarre day in the San Fernando Valley. Reminiscent both structurally and thematically of Robert Altman's Short Cuts, Magnolia weaves in and out these character's lives from the early morning to the late hours of the night.

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Cruise stars in 'Magnolia'

Like in his rookie film Boogie Nights, Anderson takes his time introducing the characters and the direction of the film (which explains its three plus hour length). However, once the film gets past its prolonged introduction, it flows so wonderfully that time ceases to be an issue. In fact, about half way through the film abruptly stops and the characters take turns singing Aimee Mann's "Wise Up". Uncharastic of conventional filmmaking, this scene just seems to fit the emotion of the film. The running theme throughout the film is that each of these characters are not what they seem to the outside world. Everyone is in pain, either physical (Earl Partridge's cancer) or mental (just about every character) and each character copes with their pain in different ways. Claudia resorts to drugs, Jimmy Gator drinks, and Frank preaches. However, none of the characters can escape what the powers above have to offer them, and their offer is in biblical proportions.

The entire score is done by Til' Tuesday's bandmember Aimee Mann. Songs "Wise Up" and her version of Three Dog Night's "One" mold Magnolia together. Her soft voice is filled with the hurt that each of the characters are feeling. Along with the soft sound, the lyrics fit the story as well.

Above all, Magnolia features an all-star ensemble cast including Paul Thomas Anderson regulars Macy, Reilly, Hoffman, Moore and other actors like Robards and Cruise. Cruise is a shue-in for the Supporting Actor Oscar but the others should not be overlooked. Robards is in top form as is John C. Reilly as a naive, romantic at heart cop. Melora Walters gives a breakout performance as the intense, emotionally confused daughter of a father in the television spotlight. While the length of the film may be a bore for some, the acting should keep you interested.

Overall, Magnolia is an intelligent, emotional, well acted and directed film that is sure to be on many top ten lists this year.

Video Review

By Darcy Lewis

DICK

The mystery surrounding the Watergate scandal is one of the most interesting and controversial issues of the 20th century. Dick is a clever, hilarious political satire that gives a far-fetched alternative to the generally accepted story of Richard Milhous Nixon's ruin. Two extremely flighty schoolgirls played be Kirsten Dunst (Interview with the Vampire, Drop Dead Gorgeous) and Michelle Williams ("Dawson's Creek") ignorantly stumble upon the break in at the Watergate Hotel where one of them lives. On a visit to the White House, they see one of the men involved in the break-in (G. Gordon Liddy), and decide to follow him. This leads to a meeting with the President, Mr. Tricky-Dick himself (played brilliantly by Dan Hedaya) who appoints them the official White House dog-walkers so he can keep an eye on them. The two teens are left alone in the Oval Office where they uncover a tape-recorder into which one of the girls, who has developed a little puppy-love crush for, sings a special song for the Pres..

Oddball plot twists keep coming, and the movie escalates to a gut-busting level when the girls become the famous unnamed source called Deep Throat by the Washington Post reporters Woodward and Bernstein. Made legendary by the movie All the Presidents Men, the two reporters are cheerfully turned into two vain, arrogant, fame-hungry idiots thanks to the hilarious acting of Saturday Night Live's Will Ferrell and Kids in the Hall's Bruce McCulloch. Directed by Andrew Fleming (The Craft), Dick masterfully merges the talents and styles of these two comedy shows with much better results than usual. Alumni from the two shows turn up at points in the film as key people in Nixon's hierarchy. Dave Foley ("NewsRadio", A Bug's Life) plays H.R. Haldeman and Jim Bruer (a.k.a. "Goatboy" from SNL) takes a very serious turn as John Dean.

Dick is a bright, smart movie that introduces an interesting subject to a whole generation that doesn't know about Mr. Nixon, and refreshes the story for those that do. This extremely entertaining and skillfully inventive comedy puts a 90's spin on the 70's and its freewheeling spirit. Definitely a good time had by all.

'American Beauty' and 'Toy Story 2' nab best picture awards at the Golden Globes

by Matt Olney '01
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The 57th annual Golden Globe Awards were held on January 23. Presenting awards to both film and television, the Globes are seen as a preview of the Academy and Emmy Awards. I think they are closer to the People's Choice Awards. This years results, like the past, have abandoned quality for glamour and money.

In the best picture category, American Beauty was the favorite going in and took home the award at the night's end. Beauty will definitely receive an Oscar nomination, and will likely win. This was a great film and is deserving of the award. It did not win the Globe for these reasons. It won because it was a surprise at the box-office and received lots of hype with its early release. When no other film came along to take its momentum away, the Globes found it fit to give American Beauty the award. Sam Mendes came home with the Best Director award for his direction of American Beauty and was deserving.

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TOY STORY 2
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In the Best Musical or Comedy category, Toy Story 2 was the winner. This film was excellent and deserves this recognition, but the Academy Awards are more likely to nominate Being John Malkovich. A children's movie has not been nominated since Babe in 1995 and one hasn't won in decades. Toy Story 2 may get nominated for its brilliant technological animation and clever storyline, but it won the Globe for its box office success.

In the Best Actor category, Denzel Washington (The Hurricane) beat out Kevin Spacey (American Beauty) and Jim Carrey (Man on the Moon) was the clear winner in the Musical/Comedy category. This was Washington's best performance since Glory, but Spacey is more likely to take home the Oscar. Again, Washington received lots of hype for his performance and it carried through the awards, but Spacey's performance was much more inspirational. Carrey won his award due to lack of competition.

On the female side, Hilary Swank (Boys Don't Cry) was the surprising winner as was Janet McTeer (Tumbleweeds) in the comedy category. Normally, the female winner goes to a more popular actress in a mainstream film but this year the actress awards were placed in the proper hands. Hilary Swank will most likely go on to win the Oscar.

AMERICAN BEAUTY
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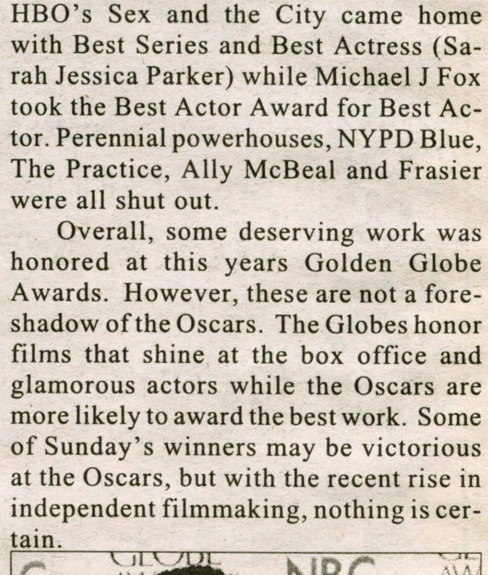
In the supporting Actor and Actress categories, Tom Cruise (Magnolia) and Angelina Jolie (Girl, Interrupted) were victorious. Cruise gave an inspired performance and is the heavy favorite to win the Oscar. On the female side, Jolie did not give the best supporting role. The Academy will honor either Samantha Morton (Sweet and Lowdown) or Chloe Sevigny (Boys Don't Cry) over Jolie.

In the television categories, the Sopranos took home the three major Drama Awards (Best Dramatic Series, James Gandolfini- Best Actor and Edi Falco- Best Actress). On the Comedy side, HBO's Sex and the City came home with Best Series and Best Actress (Sarah Jessica Parker) while Michael J Fox took the Best Actor Award for Best Actor. Perennial powerhouses, NYPD Blue, The Practice, Ally McBeal and Frasier were all shut out.

Overall, some deserving work was honored at this years Golden Globe Awards. However, these are not a foreshadow of the Oscars. The Globes honor films that shine at the box office and glamorous actors while the Oscars are more likely to award the best work. Some of Sunday's winners may be victorious at the Oscars, but with the recent rise in independent filmmaking, nothing is certain.



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Denzel receives a Golden Globe.

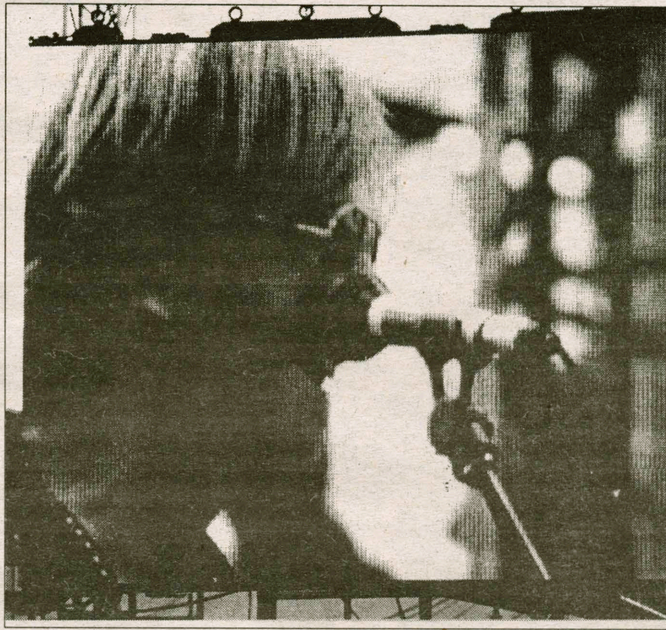
Phlorida: Phish on New Years Eve 2000

by Zack Kouwe '00
ENTERTAIINMENT WRITER

For those 75,000 fans who ventured to Florida for Phish's New Years Eve show, their experience began before they even entered the venue. Traffic into the remote Big Cypress Indian Reservation where the show was scheduled to start on December 30 made national news. Alligator Alley, the only road into the reservation known for its permanent resident; the Florida alligator, was backed up for a reported 65 miles on Wednesday as four lanes merged into one at the entrance to the venue. With nearly everyone moving at a pace of about 11 miles in 14 hours, sour feelings, frustration, and road rage was expected. However, the scene on the road was rather one of collective ingenuity and bliss as Phish fans roamed the streets passing information about the scene ahead, and sharing whatever they had to help other fans endure the long line. As the sun rose on Thursday morning, fireworks and jovial people were heard throughout the street rather than the shouting and car horns usually associated with traffic jams. Some began to believe they were never going to reach the venue, but surprisingly very few turned back.

Once inside the reservation, located in the middle of the Florida Everglades, RV's, cars, and tents spanned miles of marshy campground. Each section of camping was separated by dirt roads named after various Phish-isms such as Hampton, Nectar's, and Amy's Farm. Along the streets the scene resembled a Middle Eastern market with hundreds of people in colorful clothing strolling down the street buying and selling anything from jewelry and beer to glass pipes and Florida oranges.

Located near the center of the venue an area called "The Delta" served as a central gathering area in the campground. Under construction since December 1, "The Delta" was the creation of a seasoned team of Vermont based artists and builders. It featured a 400 ft. long boardwalk that ran along side an existing canal as well as a long row of life-size building flats that evoked a lost Southern-style city street where various artists and performers appeared throughout the event. Also in "The Delta" was a giant time capsule, to be opened in the year 4020, where fans were encouraged to bring contributions.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2 days of Peace, Love, Tre, and Burritos

The event itself was fully sold out at its 75,000 ticket capacity on Sunday December 26, and was the largest paid concert event in the world on December 31. Phish employed over 1000 people on staff, many were members of the Seminole Indian tribe, and provided 1,200 port-A-potties, 200,000 gallons of water, and 1 million pounds of ice to its fans. Furthermore, the venue had a field hospital, an FCC licensed radio station that broadcast news as well as music 24 hours a day, and a US post office service station.

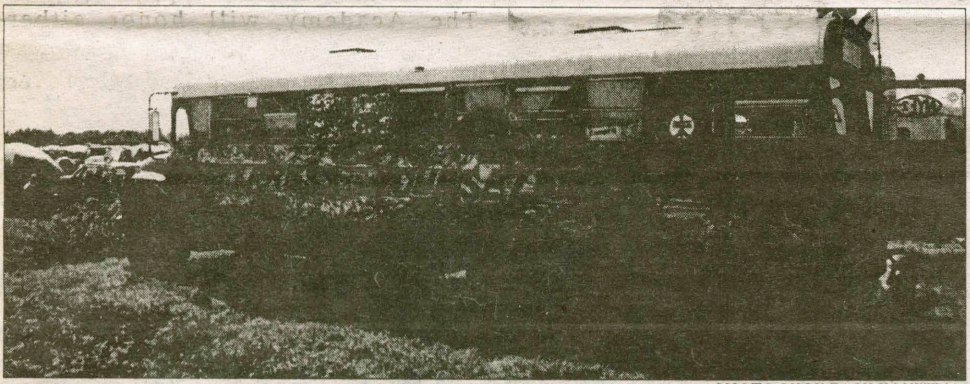
Aside from the campground and the festivities, the music itself seemed to bring everyone together with a certain optimism despite terrorist threats and Y2K computer problems that seemed to taint everyone outside the concert with a quirky doomsday outlook. Phish played three afternoon sets on Thursday December 30 followed by an afternoon set on Friday during which they covered Eric Clapton's classic "After Midnight" in anticipation of their seven and half hour set on new years eve that began at midnight and lasted until sunrise. Throughout the long set the band never left the stage and took only two small five minute breaks between songs to visit the porta-A-potty they had on stage. Before beginning the set a giant clock on stage ticked away the last few minutes of 1999. When midnight struck a myriad of multicolored balloons were released into the crowd and fireworks showered overhead. Amidst the fireworks and balloons the band traveled inside a huge moving spaceship that broke open in the middle of the crowd revealing the band riding on a large hot dog, a stunt they pulled on new years eve in 1994 at the Boston Garden. As the sun peaked out over the cypress trees creating an array of scattered orange clouds, Phish broke into their version of the song "Also Sprach Zarathustra" from the movie 2001: A Space Odyssey to begin the first day of the new year.

Phish has been playing together for nearly 17 years and has released 10 studio albums and 3 live albums. They continue to be one of the largest grossing bands on the global touring circuit. In 1999 Phish performed 60 concerts, sold over a million tickets, and grossed nearly 40 million dollars. Phish also has their own Ben and Jerry's ice cream flavor that was released in the spring of 1997. "Phish Food" is the third most popular B & J flavor in the U.S. and the top selling flavor in Europe. All of the royalties from the sale of the ice cream go to the Water Wheel Foundation, a non-profit organization that oversees all of the band's philanthropy.

The band's commercial popularity has come despite widespread radio play and little advertising via traditional media devices such as music videos and television ads. Their music attracts mainly white middle to upper-class 20 year-olds from all over the country. The typical Phish fan is described by many as a post-modern hippie who dresses fashionably dirty and uses a variety of mind altering substances. However, this general description is often criticized for being oversimplified. At the New Years show, in particular, a diverse group of people ranging from college students to inner-city ravers were represented.

The nearly perfect weather throughout the show added to the relaxed and easy-going atmosphere in the campground. Bill Whetarsky, a fan who drove all the way from Clifton Park, NY contrasted the scene with the atmosphere at the disastrous Woodstock '99 show: "at Woodstock people burned stuff because there was just a general feeling of hostility in the crowd. Everyone here acts like they're old friends and people are always willing to help each other out whether you need a drink of water or a piece of toilet paper."

As people staggered back to the campground at 7:30 am on Saturday morning their minds came back to those doomsday questions that they seemed so far removed from. Spotting a man with a copy of the morning newspaper a fan shouted "anything bad happen in the world?" and the man shouted back "Yeltsin resigned!" To which the fan replied "Oh! He must have been scared off by that Y2K thing."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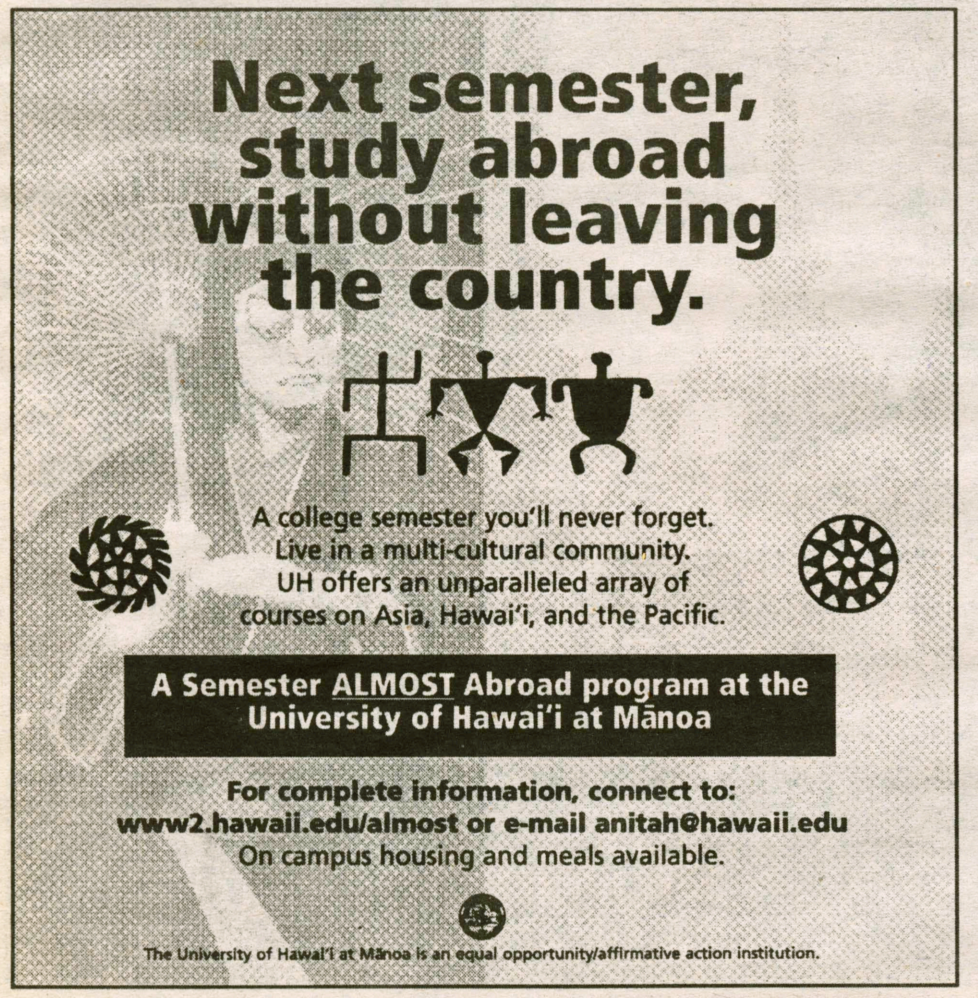
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Patriots Name Belichick as head coach

FOXBORO, Mass. (AP) - Bill Belichick was hired today as coach of the Patriots after New England gave the New York Jets a first-round draft pick to let the former defensive coordinator out of his contract.

Belichick, defensive coordinator in New England before leaving with Bill Parcells for the Jets, became free to negotiate with the Patriots following a deal in which the Jets acquire New England's No. 1 draft pick this year, a fourth-rounder in 2001 and seventh-rounder in 2002.

The Jets will give the Patriots a No. 5 in 2001 and a No. 7 in 2002.

Belichick was 37-45 as coach of the Cleveland Browns from 1991-95. But he resigned one day after he was appointed coach of the New York Jets on Jan. 4, starting a legal battle with the team over whether he could work elsewhere.

Today's news was another bizarre twist in a story that has taken many since Patriots owner Robert Kraft had a falling out with coach Bill Parcells during the team's run to the 1997 Super Bowl, leading to Parcells' departure and sending not one, but two teams into flux.

Belichick was New England's defensive coordinator when they won the AFC championship but he for a deal that would make him heir to the Jets' head coaching job when Parcells stepped down. But when Parcells retired after this season, Belichick decided he didn't want the job after all.

He resigned in a bizarre news conference just a day after being given the job. When the Jets wouldn't let him out of his contract, he filed a grievance with NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue and, when that didn't work, a federal lawsuit.

But Belichick was rebuffed on both fronts.

The Patriots continued to interview prospective coaches, in recent days zeroing in on Jacksonville defensive coordinator Dom Capers. The former Carolina Panthers head coach had a four-hour interview with New England owner Robert Kraft on Wednesday.

The Patriots also had interviewed Tom Donahoe, the former director of player personnel for the Pittsburgh Steelers and a Capers friend, to be their general manager. But they want Belichick to be both coach and GM - one factor that reportedly made the job more enticing to him than the Jets job he turned down.

It's an interesting turnabout for a team that saw Parcells walk after a Super Bowl year because the Patriots wouldn't let him pick his players. Instead, Kraft gave that job to vice president of player personnel Bobby Grier and hired Pete Carroll as coach.

Meanwhile, the Jets had to give up four draft choices to get Parcells out of the final year of his New England contract.

The Patriots got worse in each of Carroll's three years. The defending AFC champions went 10-6 in his first season, 9-7 in his second and finished 8-8 and in fifth place in the division in his third.

Carroll was fired the day after the season, with two years left on his contract. But before the Patriots could get permission to talk to Belichick, Parcells resigned and Belichick was automatically made head coach there.

But Belichick decided he didn't want the job - saying that he had misgivings about his future considering the team was in the process of being sold.

Superbowl forecast chilly

ATLANTA (AP) - All that was missing were the sleds, the dogs and the snow. The white stuff might be coming tonight.

Super Bowl Week in Atlanta has featured shivering players, complaining coaches, icy winds and heat blowers on the practice field. If the weather forecasters are right, a snowstorm might be in the offing, too.

Did anyone say Iditarod?

"It's disappointing that you can be in a situation where you are preparing for the biggest game of the year that you don't have ideal situations," Rams coach Dick Vermeil said on a blustery Wednesday morning, when the wind-chill factor hit minus-8. "But that is how it is and we will handle it."

Later in the day, after practicing outside at the Falcons' training complex, Vermeil wasn't any more thrilled about the conditions.

"It's ridiculous," Vermeil said. "But there's nothing you can do about it except try to survive."

St. Louis practiced in winter jackets, gloves, thermal underwear, wool caps and thermal neck and face warmers. Equipment manager Todd Hewitt rented six heat blowers, stationing them at the end of the practice field. Between drills, most players huddled around the blowers like moths drawn to light.

The Titans wish they had the same opportunity at the morning media session. Held in a tent outside their luxury hotel - the Titans already had occupied the indoor banquet facilities, making them unusable - the players froze due to an inadequate heating system.

Defensive lineman Mike Jones had his arms pulled deep inside a sweatshirt as he tried to keep icicles from forming on him.

"I'm freezing," Jones said. "They've got me over here by the door, actually a slit in the tent. They need to have some rookies over here. The Rams are inside? See, we're the stepchild, we get no love."

Both teams got more attention and some relief when NFL said today it would make the Georgia Dome available for Friday's practices. And a dozen more heaters were employed this morning in the Titans' tent, making it toasty.

"I got a cold Tuesday," said Titans GM Floyd Reese. "Our guys will have pneumonia by the time it's all over with.

"We'll get it fixed. This is just another one of those bumps in the road. We just keep trucking."

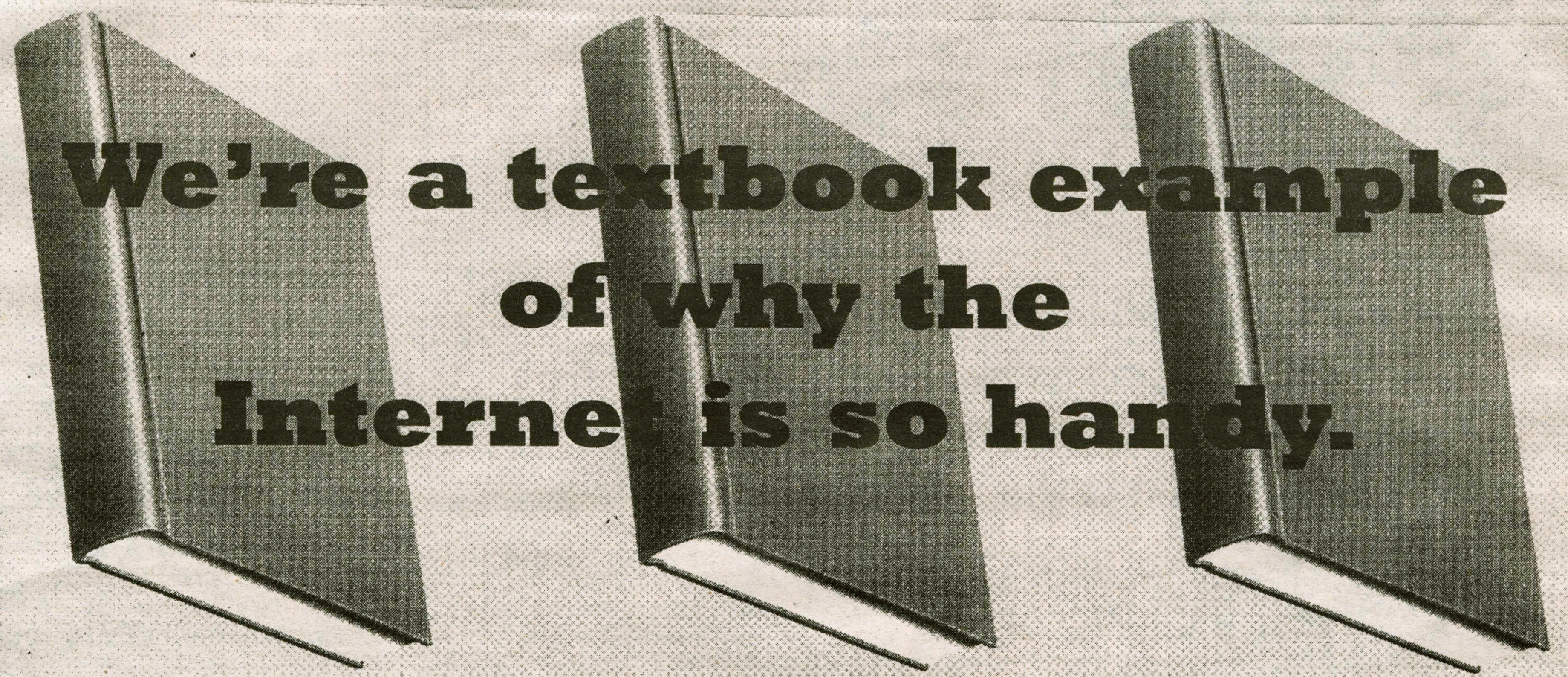
There won't be much trucking in the area if it snows; Atlanta was practically incapacitated by an ice storm last weekend.

Thursday's practices weren't moved into the Dome, even though both teams asked. There was a little matter of spectacle over sport.

Vermeil wanted to practice inside, and the Dome is the only such facility in the area. But he was informed by the league that it wasn't a possibility before Friday for the Rams or the Titans, who are working out at Georgia Tech.

"All they told us," he said, "is there's 2,000 people decorating the dance floor."

But today, the league said both teams would work out in the Georgia Dome on Friday.



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Injuries, youth plague Women's Hoops

by Lauren Reynolds '02
SPORTS EDITOR

The Women's Basketball Team's .500 average came to an end over break against formidable opponents Union, Middlebury and Williams. Currently 3-6, the team came into this weekend looking for a win to put them back on course and help them to move up in the UCAA rankings. Unfortunately, St. Lawrence and Clarkson had other ideas.

On Friday night, the team went head to head against a St. Lawrence team who had beaten them 90-57 in their last match up. Hamilton came out sluggish in the first ten minutes and were unable to bounce back. Coach Diehl praised the girls' hard work, especially on defense - but it was not enough to stop St. Lawrence's Krystal Stone from draining 25 points from the post. The Continentals suffered major losses at the guard position; starting guard Brenna Chiaputti '02 will be out for the rest of the season with an ACL tear in her right knee. Sophomore guard Jenny Russell '02 is recovering from a pulled muscle that kept her out of practice over break. The team had to learn quickly how to play without two of their scoring leaders playing up to par. Freshmen Lindsey Schantz and Lara Baron stepped up to the challenge and combined for 21 points, but even their heroic play could not stop St. Lawrence's penetrating offense. St. Lawrence maintained their early lead, winning 85-65.

The next afternoon, the Lady Continentals prepared to face off against Clarkson, a team they had beaten earlier in the season. Clarkson, however, was prepared to do battle. They focused on putting pressure on the post position; on offense Clarkson's posts combined for 65 of the team's 90 points, and were able to keep Hamilton's posts to only 14 points. Clarkson also swept the foul line, shooting 48 free throws compared to only 10 shot by Hamilton. Clarkson also tried to take advantage of Chiaputti's injury by double teaming Russell - but this was one tactic that did not work. The injured Russell nailed down 4 for 5 three point attempts and finished with 22 points overall. Diehl commented that Russell's performance showed "great leadership ability." Lindsey Schantz '03 and co-captain Sabrina Valenta '00 contributed 15 points a piece for the loss.

Tuesday night's match up against UCAA rival Rensselaer was an extremely close game. At the end of the first ten minutes of play, the score had hardly broken the double digit mark for either team. The shooting was better in the last ten minutes and Hamilton tied the score at 22 by halftime. Offensively, Hamilton was led by Russell's outside shooting and tremendous drives to the basket. Liz Casey '03 took charge at the point guard position and was helped by co-captain Abby McDermott '01 and Avery Anderson '03 underneath the boards. Though Hamilton lead for much of the second half, they were not able to keep the lead in the closing minutes, losing 59-54.

The Continentals hope to break their recent losing streak in the next six crucial games. They will be playing such formidable opponents as Amherst, Colby and William Smith, which all have strong programs. In the UCAA, they are looking to upset a few teams and hopefully move up in the rankings for the UCAA tournament. The winner of the tournament will go on to the NCAA tournament.

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Campo hired as Cowboys head coach

IRVING, Texas (AP) - For 11 years, Dave Campo has had an up-close view of what it's like to be head coach of the Dallas Cowboys.

Now, it's his turn to feel the heat.

Campo became the fourth person in eight years to hold one of the most high-profile jobs in pro sports when Cowboys owner Jerry Jones promoted him Wednesday from defensive coordinator.

His insider's perspective is that things aren't as bad as last season's 8-8 record suggests.

"We have in place some outstanding football players," Campo said. "I just think we need to get refocused on what it takes to win, the discipline and the attitude needed to be successful.

"In my mind, this football team has a nucleus of players that with a little tweaking here is going to give us a chance to be successful.

"My top priority is to restore the championship attitude. We didn't get it done this year. We have to lcok at the entire team and take it from there."

Campo arrived in Dallas in 1989 as part of the crew Jimmy Johnson brought with him from the University of Miami after Jones bought the team and hired his old college teammate to be head coach.

Campo was in charge of the secondary for six seasons, then Barry Switzer promoted him to defensive coordinator in 1995. He held that job through the Chan Gailey era, which ended Jan. 11.

Soon after, Campo was in Jones' office pleading his case.

"Dave came in within 24-36 hours and had a very detailed plan of how he would run the team," Jones said. "I knew we were on the same page."

"When I went to Jerry," Campo said, "I wanted to make sure he had a pretty good idea what I was all about. We discussed a number of things, but the biggest thing was that I felt I had a working knowledge of this team."

Campo, 52, is the first of the five coaches in Cowboys history to come from within the staff. Like his predecessors, he came with no NFL head-coaching experience.

Campo - whose small size, glasses and graying blonde hair make him look more like a college professor than a coach - hasn't been a head coach at any level. He was an assistant at 11 colleges over 18 years before joining the Cowboys.

At first, he used to be a bit short-tempered with players, but he's refined that over the years. Yet there's still the chance his fuse will blow - just enough to keep guys on edge.

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Glassman's weekly look around sports

As we head into the winter stretch between the Super Bowl and spring training, far too much is going on around the sports world for me to stick to one topic. Thus, I digress and try to cover them all. Without further rambling, here are some opinions, in no particular order:

MATT GLASSMAN

Riding the Pine

Super Matchup - With the Titans' "upset" win over the Jaguars last Sunday, the Rams probably got the Super Bowl matchup they didn't want. The Titans come packaged with a stingy defense, much like the Tampa defense that hounded Kurt Warner and Marshall Faulk last Sunday afternoon. The Rams showed their vulnerability, as Warner was less than sharp. The Titans also have the confidence factor after winning the regular season game between the two teams in week 8. The Rams almost certainly would have preferred a shoot out against the Jaguars. Still, unless Eddie George has an MVP-like game, look for the Ram defense to keep McNair frustrated and the Titan offense on the sidelines. Dick Vermeil says that kicker Jeff Wilkins is back at full strength, and I believe him. I'll pick the Rams, 27-17, in a close game that is even at the half.

Orange Delight - After Sunday, national sports attention will turn to college basketball, where Syracuse is the talk of the town. After opening the season with 10 easy wins against lesser competition, the Orangemen took to the road two weeks ago. So far, so good. Wins at South Carolina, Miami, and West Virginia gained them some respect and made me a believer. Last week the Orange handled a pesky Notre Dame team, Pitt, and then #6 Connecticut to complete their first 16-0 start since 1917. How did the major sports commentators overlook the Orange earlier in the season? Well, aside from the easy early schedule, no one could have predicted the play Syracuse was going to get from its supporting cast. While Etan Thomas and Ryan Blackwell have filled their assigned roles as senior leaders, the lesser figures have really driven the Orange to the top. No one expected the Orange to have 5 men (Thomas, Blackwell, Brown, Hart, and Shumpert) averaging 10 or more points a game and 7 men (add Bland and Williams) who have tossed in 20 or more in one night. And for once the Orange are neither missing free throws down the stretch nor playing lazy defense. Look for them to move to #1 next week if they remain unbeaten.

Tennis...Anyone? - As the Australian Open continues, four Americans (Capriati, Davenport, Agassi and Sampras) are in the semis, but is anyone watching? While the days of high television ratings and guaranteed Sports Illustrated covers have been gone for quite some time, interest still seems particularly depressed this year. Is it Pete Sampras' lack of personality? No, that's been a factor for the better part of a decade now. Is it Agassi's refusal to be his "old self" and act like a mouthy teenager? Perhaps. More likely, it's the continued resistance of the WTA (the governing body of tennis) to adapt to the changing times. Is it any wonder tennis is losing youthful fans to other sports when spectators aren't allowed to TALK during play? In the age of spectator participation sports like soccer and (gulp) WWF wrestling, who the heck wants to follow a dress code and sit quietly? Note the laughter of any 10-year-old when you ask whether he or she would rather go to a Warriors-Clippers NBA game or the Wimbledon finals, and you'll understand the future of tennis as a major spectator sport.

Line of the week: 77 yards rushing, 126 yards passing, 3 turnovers, 26 min of possession. The Tampa offense couldn't muster anything against the Rams, and it must have killed Warren Sapp and the rest of the defense, who hadn't dreamed of holding the Rams to 11 points, nevermind doing so in a losing effort.

Final Words - The NFL lost one of its greats this week when the Chiefs' Derrick Thomas was paralyzed after his car slid off the road on the way to the airport. Thomas was an exciting player to watch and, more importantly, a class act on and off the field...Can anyone figure out the Mets' offseason moves lately? Great move getting Hampton, but why give up Cedeno and Dotel to get another mediocre starter named Bobby Jones?...

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WOMEN'S SWIMMING	5-1
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WOMEN'S SQUASH	6-3

Next Week Look for an exclusive interview with new football coach Timothy Pendergast

Beat the Experts

Each pick has been selected to win contest outright. *If any given game ends in a tie, that game is thrown out of the lineup. Beat the "Experts"* is by no means associated with organized gambling on professional or college sports. Whichever Guest Handicapper posts the best winning percentage during their week will be selected as *Hamilton's Athlete of the Week* (honorary) in the final issue of this semester and will be entitled to all the perks therein, namely an all-expense paid dinner with our devilishly handsome **Sports Editors, Peter and David, as well as his or her picture in *The Spectator*.**

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Phoenix at Charlotte 1/29	Suns	Suns	Suns	Suns
New Jersey at LA Clippers 1/29	Clippers	Nets	Clippers	Nets
Utah at Minnesota 1/29	Jazz	Timberwolves	Jazz	Timberwolves
San Antonio at Portland 1/29	Spurs	Trailblazers	Spurs	Trailblazers
Toronto at Chicago 1/29	Bulls	Raptors	Raptors	Raptors
Sacramento at NY Knicks 1/30	Knicks	Knicks	Knicks	Kings
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NCAA Basketball				
Syracuse at Boston College 1/29	Orangemen	Orangemen	Orangemen	Orangemen
St. John's at Notre Dame 1/29	Red Storm	Red Storm	Red Storm	Red Storm
Maryland at Florida State 1/29	Terps	Terps	Terps	
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Men's basketball continued from page 16

but also tremendous endurance and work ethic. The team's total effort seems to have created a positive energy in the locker room and in the stands. This enjoyable style of play was put to the test again on Tuesday night when Hamilton took on RPI in the last contest of their four game home-stand.

Both Hamilton and RPI had a strong first half, with Hamilton leading 50-45 at halftime. Hamilton controlled most of the second half and appeared to have the game in hand with 1:30 remaining after a Kris Fudge jump shot extended the lead to 83-79. However, with 25 seconds remaining, reminiscent of a highlight film, RPI converted a 4-point play to tie the game and send it into overtime. T.J. Conte's foul on a made three-point basket allowed RPI go to the foul line and convert the game-tying free-throw. Hamilton did have the last shot of regulation, but Brendan Ferretti's three-pointer was off the mark and the game went into overtime.

PHOTO BY DARREN BLOCK '01

Coach Murphy has the attention of the entire basketball team during a timeout.

Like a true winning team the Continentals refused to let their last minute mistake cost them the game. The overtime session saw Jimmy Driggs and Jimmy McCarthy connect on back to back three-pointers to give Hamilton a five-point lead at 89-84. A Kris Fudge lay-up extended the lead to seven with 1:30 remaining and finally, Noah Hammond capped the night off with a break away dunk for a 104-90 final. For Hamilton, the win extended their record in the UCAA to 9-0.

No one expected Hamilton to compile such a respectable record. However, after watching this team play twelve games few people expect them to lose. Coach Murphy continues to downplay any possibility of a remarkable season. He says, "We will continue to take things one game at a time, we know exactly how hard we have to work to continue giving ourselves a chance to win."

Compared to last year's team, Hamilton is without 80 percent of their scoring and 75 percent of their rebounding. However, this team makes up for those losses by forcing turnovers and playing hard for all forty minutes. Many fans will continue to call this Hamilton team an overachiever. Such a claim not only ignores the 2000 Continental's wealth of talent but it also ignores the wonderful way in which this team plays. To watch Hamilton press full-court and move the ball crisply and dive on the floor only to be replaced by five teammates who do more of the same is to see basketball at its finest. This year's Hamilton College Men's Basketball team is not overachieving. Instead, they are merely playing basketball with a passion few teams possess. If they continue to play this way, they should continue their winning ways.

Women's swimming gives NESCAC teams a scare

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(Jan. 14-15) ago the Continentals traveled to Middlebury to get a taste of NESCAC competition in a dual meet. Led by Anne Fedak '03—who posted career best times in winning both the 1000 meter and 500 meter races—and Cady Kashner '03—who won the 1 meter and 3 meter dives—the Continentals escaped Middlebury with an impressive victory, improving their dual meet record to 4-0 on the season. Next on the agenda was a visit to Amherst (Jan. 21-22), who along with Williams is regarded as one of the true powerhouses in the NESCAC. The team knew it would require an almost perfect meet to beat them. Even Coach Thompson admitted that "on paper (a victory) looked impossible." However, heading into the final relay the Continentals still had a chance. While they ended up losing the relay, and thus the meet, Coach Thompson viewed the weekend as a huge step in the right direction. "We did not win the meet," said Coach Thompson, "but we raced extremely well. To have it basically come down to the last relay was a great accomplishment. I think we solidified our position as one of the top three teams in the NESCAC heading into next year. We belong near the top." But before the Continentals look ahead to the promise of next year, they must now concentrate on achieving the three goals Coach Thompson set for this year. "We have three main goals,"Coach Thompson continued. "One is for everyone to do career best times every time out, the second is to win the conference championship, and the third is to send as many swimmers and divers to the national championship meet as possible." The Continentals appear to be right on track to achieve all three of these goals due to what Coach Thompson calls, "great team collusion and chemistry. That's the most important key to success in any team sport. Everybody wants to achieve the same things." Heading into the New York State championships at RPI February 16-19, Coach Thompson hopes to improve in several areas, the most important area being racing skills. "We need to focus a little bit more on racing skills because up until this point we have worked mostly on conditioning."The other area Coach Thompson hopes to improve on is having confidence and staying positive. These past two weekends should certainly serve as confidence boosters, for the present and for the future. Hamilton now knows that its women's swimming team belongs among the elite in the NESCAC. But for now, they must concentrate on being the best in the state. Or, more importantly, simply concentrate on winning at Union this weekend. Championships are just over the horizon.

Men's hockey quietly puts together win streak of its own

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Hamilton's men's ice hockey team has quietly been moving up in the ECAC/NESCAC standings.

This past week the Continentals completed a 3-0 week with wins over Oswego, UMASS-Boston, and Babson. By far the most exciting game of the week came this past Saturday as Hamilton squeaked out a 5-4 win over Babson. When Hamilton took the ice on Saturday, they were without one of their captains, Brian Grady '00, who suffered a seperated shoulder injury against UMASS-Boston the night before.

Hamilton wasted no time as Craig Leger '02 scored power play goal 2:33 into the game. A little more than a minute later Sean Smith scored the Continentals second goal of the evening, putting Hamilton up 2-0.

However, Babson did not give up at this point. In fact, the Beavers went ahead a scored the next four goals, keeping the Continentals off the scoreboard for 38 minutes.

During the Babson onslaught Head Coach Phil Grady pulled his starting goalie Brent Davey '00, and inserted his other veteran netminder Scott Grenier '00. Grenier played well in goal, only having to stop two shots in just over 25 minutes of playing time.

Down 4-2 entering the final period of play, the Continentals came out of the gates hard and scored only 1:34 into the final period on a goal by J.P Acosta '02. Acosta is currently second on the Continentals in total points with 18 (7 goals and 11 assists).

Rob Gordon '03 scored the game tying goal on an assists from Chris Baudo '00 and Nic Potvin '02 at 14:26 into the third period. Gordon was named to the ECAC Honor Roll for the week ending January 17th as he had three goals and two assists. With the game all knotted at four, entering the final minute of play, it looked as though the contest was headed into overtime.

But, Baudo got a great look at the net on a pass from Potvin, and sent the puck right past the Beavers goalie thus propelling the Continentals to the victory and completing their 3-0 week. Last Friday Hamilton hosted UMASS-Boston.

The Continentals were down 2-0 after the first period, but again stormed back to jump ahead 4-2, before the game ended in a 5-3 Continentals win. Brian Grady scored the first Continental goal of the evening, and netted his first goal of the season. The game-winning goal was scored by Tom Paolini '03 at 5:46 in the third period.

In net for the Continentals was Dave Scamurra '03, who started his second game for the Continentals. Scamurra played well for the Continentals stopping 27 of the 30 shots that UMASS-Boston sent his way.

This weekend the Continentals put their three game winning streak on the line against St. Anselm tonight and New England College on Saturday. Currently Hamilton is sixth in the NESCAC with a 9-6-1 overall record, and two games behind Middlebury in the win column. Thus, every game from here on out is very important for the Continentals if they hope to play in the ECAC/NESCAC post season tournament.

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plays, then they are entitled to their share of the profit at the earliest opportunity. The best overall result would be for all of the athletes to graduate on time with majors in interesting and meaningful fields and find ways to give something back to their communities, be role models, and stay out of trouble.

However, that is a perfect world and these athletes were not born into a perfect world, and it is not their responsibility to single-handedly make it perfect.

A film released last month,"Any Given Sunday," is an entertaining two hours and goes at least part of the way toward showing what sports figures must endure just to perform each week. For black players, there is another dimension that makes it even tougher.

Professional interviewers never talk about the intelligence of black players. They are quite often depicted as brutes and sex fiends. The black players that do behave quite well are called "uncle toms" or "soft" or sometimes both! As the movie shows, if the team wins, the white quarterback often gets the most credit. "Any Given Sunday illustrates the narrow path that leads to playing the games with dignity, enjoying what you do, and feeling good about everything.

To stay on this subject, at the end of the NFL season we saw a black offensive lineman push a ref. It is wrong at any time to push a ref; however, the ref has a responsibility to watch where he throws his flag. Had the ref thrown the flag at the ground, there would never have been a push in the first place. Had the ref hit the 350-pound player in any part of his body except his eye, there would never have been a push.

However, no one antagonized Atlanta Braves pitcher John Rocker at all. His comments hurt many times worse than a push, and he lashed out at the very people who come to see him play. None of the people that he put down even participate in his sport.

There was no reason on earth to put people down just to act like a tough guy. His punishment should include having to do community service with poor people, blacks, Asians, and unwed mothers. Everyone would like to be a baseball star if they could be, but not everyone can throw a ball 98 miles per hour. The few who can could at least appreciate that God has given them a gift that few people on earth will ever have and use it with dignity. I do not believe that John Rocker should be kicked out of baseball unless he continues that behavior.

I think that he just needs to see that everyone sees their own life as being just as important as his. No one thinks of themselves as second class. People are not problems to someone else, and if so, what makes him think that those people want to sit next to him on the subway? What makes him think that he is the measure of everything? I would like to see him given another solid chance to play and to pitch some solid baseball. I would also be very angry if fans of any color boo him.

Everyone needs not just one chance, but many chances. How many times have the rules been bent for Mr. Strawberry? But the situation is serious because Mr. Rocker plays on a team called the Braves and you would be hard pressed to find happy, prosperous Native Americans that are recognized in any significant sense at the stadium of the team named after their brave young men. Is there any proof that the same spirit that drove these people to near extinction is indeed dead?

If Rocker can play great baseball and not put anyone down and just enjoy his great athletic ability and share it with everyone, then that sounds like a solution to me.

The Spectator

Men's Hoops still undefeated in UCAA

by Art McCann '00
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The 1998-1999 basketball season saw a 5-0 Continental squad return from winter recess only to drop their first two UCAA games. This let down began a disappointing second semester that was only salvaged by a strong post-season showing with Hamilton reaching the NCAA tournament's Sweet Sixteen. This season, the Continentals have disproved any worries of another up and down second semester. Currently at 9-0 in the UCAA and 11-1 overall, the team's success can be attributed to only one factor, hard work.

In their first contest of the New Year, Hamilton traveled to Schenectady, NY and beat a tough Union College team 70-61. Sophomore Noah Hammond led the Continentals with 16 points and 8 rebounds. The win completed Hamilton's season sweep of Union and improved the team's record to 6-0 in the UCAA.

Next, on Saturday January 15, Hamilton defeated Middlebury College 83-77 behind Brendan Ferretti's 19 points and the strong rebounding of Kris Fudge and Mike Harrison who each pulled down seven boards. The victory in Vermont extended the Continentals overall record to 8-0 heading into the New Year's first home contest against NESCAC rival Williams College. This highly anticipated match-up pitted the undefeated Continentals, ranked 15th in the nation, against the #25 Ephs.

Young, confident, and undefeated, the team stood ready to battle Williams. The crowd was abuzz with the excitement of the start of a new semester. Team captain Brendan Ferretti knew that Williams would be a strong test for Hamilton. He said, "Because of all the hype surrounding the Williams game, it was truly the first time I realized how successful we had been through our first eight games. We work so hard, taking nothing for granted and preparing one game at a time that hyping one game is not fair. We prepared for Williams like we would prepare for any other game, we know that we have to play with 100 percent effort every time out or else we will lose."

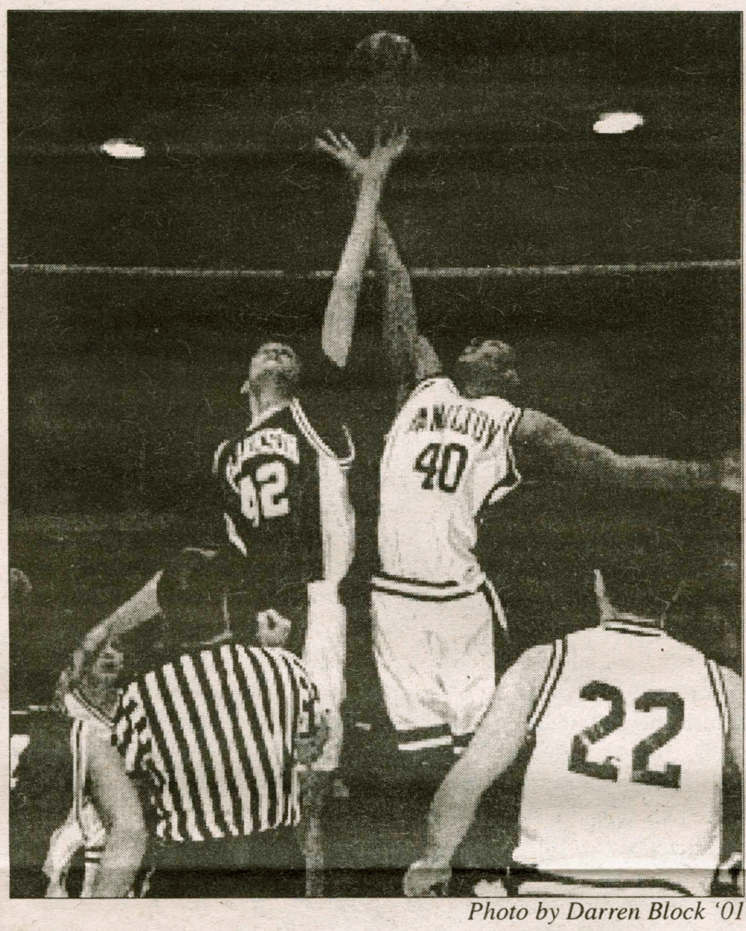
Photo by Darren Block '01
Kris Fudge'01 skies for the opening tip-off while teammate Jim McCarthy '01 prepares to start the break.

Unfortunately, Hamilton did lose that night, but it was not because of a lack of effort. Instead, the loss can be attributed to Hamilton's dismal first half in which they shot 9-30 from the field and 1-8 on three pointers. The loss suggested to many fans that Hamilton's win streak was merely the result of hot shooting and perhaps a weak schedule. Williams used its height advantage to out rebound the Continentals and their pressure defense contested all of Hamilton's shots making easy baskets tough to come by for Hamilton. Many wondered how or if the young Continentals would recover from their first loss. However, this past weekend, against two tough UCAA opponents, the team proved that it is the strongest squad in the UCAA.

Coach Tom Murphy was eager to play this weekend's back to back games against St. Lawrence and Clarkson. He attributed the poor play against Williams to the Continentals inability to regain the rhythm they had prior to the semester break. Murphy said, "The 30 day lay-off really hurt us. We did not play well against Williams, but we are not a team to let that effect our next effort." In this case, Coach Murphy could not have been more correct. After the frustrating Williams loss, Hamilton defeated St. Lawrence 78-68 and then knocked off Clarkson 79-73 to sweep the weekend and the season contests with both northern UCAA schools.

On Friday night, in defeating St. Lawrence, Kris Fudge led all scorers with 20 points and added 8 rebounds. Also scoring in double digits for Hamilton were Brendan Ferretti with 11 points, Noah Hammond with 12, and Jimmy Driggs scored 11 points while dishing out 9 assists. Beating St. Lawrence was important for Hamilton, especially coming off the Williams loss. However, the Clarkson game proved to be a much tougher match-up. Against Clarkson, Brendan Ferretti led Hamilton with 16 points and Kris Fudge added 13 points. Nevertheless, a total team effort was needed to withstand numerous St. Lawrence comebacks. Jimmy Driggs' 12 assists and Mike Harrison's well earned 8 rebounds were symbolic of Hamilton's total effort. The day's best performance belonged to Noah Hammond. The steady sophomore contributed 12 points and 8 rebounds. Hammond's consistent play, alongside front court mate Kris Fudge, has made Hamilton's offense surprisingly effective in the half-court. Coach Murphy praised both Hammond and Fudge while attributing their success to their teammates. Murphy said, "The team's depth is most visible in practice where every day someone new shines. The competition in practice creates a work ethic that wins games." Murphy gives credit to young big men Justin Stolarcyk and Joe Finley and also to Ryan MacAvery and Lewis Boyd who are yet to see significant action. All of these big men can provide valuable minutes off the bench.

Hamilton's overall depth was evident in the St. Lawrence game when all 16 players appeared in the game's first half. The Continentals ferocious full-court press and intense man-to-man defense required not only depth,

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Swimmers prove they can compete with NESCAC's

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The women's swimming team is in somewhat of a transitional period. Having traditionally participated in the New York State League championships in the past, next season they will be able to compete for the NESCAC championships for the first time. Not to take anything away from state competition, but the NESCAC is a serious upgrade, as it enables the Continentals to compete with teams from all over New England. So, while maintaining this year's goal of winning the New York State championship, Coach Dave Thompson sees the dual meets against opponents currently a part of NESCAC as an opportunity to prove that they will be a force to be reckoned with next season. In each of the past two weekend the Continentals have faced NESCAC opponents. Two weekends

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Higher Education vs. Professional Sports

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Should black athletes skip their last year of college to go pro? This is a question that has loomed large over the sports scene for the last 20 years. Let's take a look at both sides of the issue:

If a college or university gets a reputation for getting top black sports stars into their program and graduating only a small percentage of them, the reputation of the institution will be tarnished. It is no secret that college sports teams that get national TV, radio, and newspaper coverage bring big money contracts from major networks to the institution. Everyone likes to support a winner. When a team makes it to the final four or to a championship bowl game, it attracts a lot of positive publicity to the school. The coaches make between half-a-million and a million-and-a-half dollars per year at the top name schools. This does not even include additional fees for speaking engagements, TV talk shows, magazine interviews, and endorsements.

On the other hand, the student-athletes do not see one penny of this money while the media watches them like hawks to see if they commit even minor infractions against NCAA rules. The players are well aware that everyone around them is raking in the money and that they are the ones on the field who are risking injury on every play. We have recently watched Sir Charles (Barkley) blow out a knee and call it quits. Every player knows that this can happen on any play.

Many of the black players come from homes without father figures and where mom works a menial job. Many student-athletes, upon receiving their contract, go out and buy their mom a decent home to live in! If I saw that a pro team was willing to sign me to a four or five year deal even if I got hurt the first year, I would take the contract. I could put aside enough to finish my last year after my playing days ended. At most universities, there is no time limit on finishing an undergraduate degree. The problem is that most athletes do not think that far in advance. Many of them have experienced poverty most of their lives, and when the big money is a real possibility, their experiential palette absorbs it all right away on items that they really do not need. There are plenty of black sports stars, however, that do not waste their money and are excellent examples both on and off the field. It is a sad testament that often times the media would rather report the negative aspects than the positive ones simply because the bad or strange news sells more papers and gets higher ratings on TV. In addition, many of the players have never taken a class in public speaking or in financial management. These are skills that could help them as the media descends upon them.

In closing, I have to say that if everyone around the players is going to profit and receive their portion continually and without the four years of hope being held out as a tease, then the sports stars should take the money when it is offered. If they are the ones who actually produce the exciting plays, then they are entitled to their share of the profit at the earliest opportunity. The best overall result would be for all of the athletes to graduate on time with majors in interesting and meaningful fields and find ways to give something

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